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TELEGRAMS.

A FIENDISH WIFE.

HUSBAND MURDERED AND MUTILATED.

Petersburg, Saturday.—A terrible crume, which, in the horror of the details and for the callous brutality displayed by the murderers, is almost without parallel, has just occurred at the village of Prilera, in the Government of Poltava. The unfortunate victim was a quiet, hard-working peasant named Cherevatink, who, however, had recently quarrelled with his beautiful young wife, Maria, in consequence of her flirtation with young men of the village. The couple had apparently become reconciled, but it is now clear that the wife was only harbouring her hate for revenge and freedom from her husband of whom she had grown tired. Assisted by two young peasants she determined on a plan for putting Cherevatink out of the way. Her first care was to drug her husband, and immediately he fell asleep she opened the door and let in her two accomplices. She then set on her husband's feet as he lay on the couch, while one of the peasants struck at the unfortunate man's neck with an axe. Cherevatink returned momentarily to consciousness; but his struggles were in vain, and he was quickly murdered.

Extraordinary Barbarity.

Now, however, arose the difficulty of disposing of the body; and here the murderers showed a degree of brutality which seems almost incredible. They first cut off the hands of their victim, and burned them in the stove. Then the head was removed, and similarly disposed of. By this time the dismembered body was steaming with blood, which left on the walls of the room marks, which the murderers found it impossible to obliterate. The various limbs having been cut off, the trunk was cut into small pieces and put into a barrel, the intestines being thrown to the pigs. The portions of the body which had been placed in the barrel were subsequently boiled, and for some days Maria Cherevatink fed her dogs with them. The wretched woman took the legs and arms and threw them from the window of a railway carriage in the course of a journey which she took specially for the purpose—being careful that the various stations should fall at distances along the line. It was the discovery of these remains that led the police to take investigations; and as a result of their inquiries all three of the persons concerned have now been arrested.

Such portions of the murdered man's body as have been found have been collected and buried together; but the greater part of the remains were evidently disposed of by the murderers.—Central News.

FRANCE AND TURKEY.

Paris, Saturday.—Denial is officially given to the statement that France has presented an ultimatum to Turkey in connection with the Heraclea Mines. The statement was made by the French Government, through the Turkish Ambassador at Paris, that even Turkey ten days in which to reply to the French demand for the recognition of rights in the Heraclea Mines, and that, in the event of no reply being received, France would withdraw her Ambassador.—Exchange.

PITTSBURG SENSATION.

New York, Saturday.—A telegram from Pittsburg states that the actual facts in the accounts of the Allegheny National Bank is now stated to amount to 1,350,000 dols. Montgomery, the cashier of the bank, who is charged with misappropriating this large sum, will, as his defence, make the remarkable plea of "money madness."—Central News.

GREAT FIRE AT OMAHA.

New York, Saturday.—Over a million and a quarter dollars damage was done yesterday by a fire at Omaha (Nebraska), which practically destroyed the extensive plant of the Omaha Packing Co. as well as several other buildings. A number of firemen were injured in the collapse of a building, and six of them are not expected to recover.—Central News.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

Paris, Saturday.—The "Matin" says it was rumoured at an early hour that the village of Bu Denib on the Algerian frontier, near which an engagement took place on Wednesday last, has been carried after a bombardment lasting nearly a whole day. The harka occupying the village was cut to pieces. The French losses are unknown.—Reuter.

ZOLA'S WORKS IN JAPAN.

Paris, Saturday.—The "New York Herald" (Paris Edition) says it is expected that the Marquis Saionji, President of the Japanese Ministry, may be called upon to resign his position as a result of his having written a preface to the Japanese translation of the late Emile Zola's "Paris." The work is interdicted in Japan, the Government considering that the Socialistic and anti-Imperialistic ideas contained in it eulogise a most dangerous political creed, and the advocates of the Marquis have already made this a pretext for commencing an energetic campaign against him.—Central News.

THAW AND HIS CREDITORS

HE WILL PAY WHEN HE IS DECLARED SANE.

New York, Saturday.—A large number of persons are creditors of Harry Thaw, the majority being tradesmen, but the number also including the doctors and specialists who have been attending him for many months past, as well as his lawyers and solicitors. The young millionaire's debts, in fact, are estimated at quite 200,000 dollars. While not doubting his ability to pay these persons are getting somewhat fidgetty, and have taken the course of actually demanding an immediate settlement. But Mr. Thaw is imperturbable, and to all his creditors he replies, "I will pay when I am declared to be sane."—Central News.

A CASTAWAY CREW.

TIMELY RESCUE BY A BRITISH WARSHIP.

Wellington, Saturday.—H.M. cruiser Pegasus has arrived at Lyttelton with 22 castaways of the French barque President Felix Faure. It appears that the men left their ship in the lifeboat, which was smashed to pieces by breakers. All got ashore safely, and on the island on which they were cast up they found a stores depot established by the New Zealand Government. The food in this depot, supplemented by birds which they were able to shoot, enabled the men to subsist for 60 days before the Pegasus arrived, but they suffered considerably from exposure. Capt. Noel, of the Felix Faure, has expressed his gratitude at the hospitality extended to him and his crew by the Pegasus and the New Zealand authorities.—Reuter.

[The President Felix Faure was a barque of 2,651 tons. She left New Caledonia for Havre on Feb. 16.]

NEW YORK—PARIS RACE.

New York, Saturday.—The Paris correspondent of the "New York Times" cables that the Zust and the De Dion motor-cars have withdrawn from the New York to Paris race, leaving the American Thomas and the Protos cars to complete the journey alone.—Central News.

ATTACK ON A CONVOY.

Bordeaux, Saturday.—Passengers who have arrived here from French West Africa by the steamer Magellan state that the situation there is serious. A French officer and a non-commissioned officer are reported to have been killed, and a captain wounded in an attack made on a convoy near Aleg three weeks ago, and 15,000 natives with rifles and artillery are believed to be in the field threatening the camp of Col. Gouraud, Commissary for the Territory of Mauritania.—Reuter.

THE FRENCH AIRSHIPS.

Paris, Saturday.—According to the "Matin" the inflation of the gas-bag of the steerable balloon Rèpublique will begin on Monday, but the airship will not be complete until the end of the month. The first trials will take place about June 7. The airship Jaune will probably carry out trials over Paris during the summer.—Reuter.

ROBBED IN AN EXPRESS.

Paris, Saturday.—The "Matin" states that Mr. Angus Forbes, the novelist, who left Paris on Thursday for London by the Calais express, met with an unpleasant experience. Two ladies travelled in the same compartment with him as far as Amiens, and on his arrival at Calais Mr. Forbes found that his bag (which contained a letter of credit on a Montreal bank), his pocket-book (with an American express company's cheque and several notes), and some jewellery, had disappeared. Forbes lodged a complaint with the Commissary of Police at Calais railway station, and an investigation into the affair is now proceeding.—Central News.

THE AMATEUR TRAMP.

New York, Saturday.—The death is announced from Princeton this morning of Prof. Walter Augustus Wyckoff, professor of political economy at Princeton University. Prof. Wyckoff was well known for his studies in sociology and political economy, and for 18 months he "tramped" it from Connecticut to California in order that he might study the various aspects of life among the working classes at first hand. He had been twice round the world, and was the author of several books on politico-economical subjects. The deceased professor was only 43 years of age.—Central News.

THE GERM OF PARESIS.

New York, Saturday.—A telegram from Cincinatti this morning states that Dr. O'Brien, a well-known physician of that city, who for some time past has devoted himself to the study of paralysis and kindred diseases, has discovered the germ of paresis. The announcement comes to-day only in the form of a claim by the scientist concerned, and further details will be awaited here with great interest.—Central News.

STOP PRESS.

ROBBERY AND MURDER.

STATE OF LAWLESSNESS IN CHILE.

Santiago de Chili, Saturday.—A message from Talcanano reports an alarming increase in armed robbery there. In the centre of the town at two o'clock last night two horsemen stopped two well-known inhabitants and robbed them of their watches and money. The two men were unarmed, and the robbers escaped. Numerous other robberies are reported to have been committed in the suburbs. The police are asking for troops to be sent from Santiago as the town is completely defenceless, and the inhabitants are in a state of terror and panic. The robbers are armed and are said to be numerous.—Reuter.

THE CZAR AND ITALY.

Rome, Saturday.—It is reported that the Czar and Czarina will pay a visit to Rome during the autumn, travelling overland via Vienna. Four officials from the Russian Ministry of the Interior and a high Russian police official are to be in attendance with the chief Italian police authorities, a circumstance which tends colour to the report.—Central News.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

Nahak, Saturday.—Three men of the Native Indian cavalry have been slightly wounded in a skirmish with the enemy in the Khapak Pass.—Reuter.

BORDEAUX-PARIS CYCLING RACE.

Bordeaux, Saturday.—The annual Bordeaux-Paris cycling race started at half-past six this evening in the presence of a large crowd. The competitors, who number 21, are expected in Paris to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

INTERESTING SPEECH BY THE SPEAKER.

Mr. Lowther, Speaker of the House of Commons, delivered an interesting speech yesterday afternoon in presiding over a lecture given by Professor Masterman in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. He said he believed he had heard the maiden speech of every member of the present Government. It was often said that those who lived on a mountain were not able to judge its proportions as those who were at a distance. He thought the same might be said of those who were in daily touch with the House of Commons. Their view was apt, perhaps, to get a little distorted by being brought into contact with the daily life of that body, and those somewhat removed from it were able to arrive at a sounder judgment on its ancient position, its weight and its relation towards the surroundings in which it stood. The House appeared to him in three respects to be

A Very Singular Assembly.

First of all we must never forget that that was the electoral chamber of the nation. In America, France, and other countries, there was a body specially constituted for the purpose of choosing their president, and when they had selected their president their function was ended, and then they disappeared. The House of Commons was not only the parent of its Prime Minister and the Government, but it was also the critic of the Government. It might indeed become its accuser, its judge and its executioner, and in that respect it differed from the other electoral chambers he had mentioned. The next point was that the House of Commons was above all things an educating medium. It was the means through which the country was educated on certain topics. It was the place of all places where grievances might be brought forward, ventilated, canvassed, discussed and re-discussed, and finally, if accepted, a remedy was found, or it was pushed on one side as not deserving remedy, or, what was most usually the case, a compromise was arrived at. (Laughter.)

Slow but Sure.

The House was also the executive and the legislative body of the nation. In that capacity many people no doubt thought that its work was very slowly accomplished, but it must be remembered that in the House of Commons the nation had a body which, when it had once taken a step in a particular direction, it was very hard for that body, or for the nation, to reverse that step, or to go in another direction. He was most constantly struck with the extraordinary continuity of the body over which he had the honour to preside. To this day the King's consent to Acts of Parliament was given in old Norman-French, which sounded rather astounding, considering it was an English King who was speaking to English Peers and English Commoners. The astonishment did not cease there, and many people would be surprised to hear that all formal communications between the House of Commons and the House of Lords were carried on to this day

In Old Norman French.

Mr. Lowther confessed that it was to him a matter of the deepest interest that it should be so. He would very much regret to think that the old forms were changed, for the reason that they conveyed everything they wanted to convey, and it preserved the continuity of the ancient assembly, and showed that they still maintained the old forms which were in existence hundreds of years ago. It had been said that it was a wonder the House of Commons did its work as well as it did, considering the character of the assembly. If we considered the amount of homogeneity that there was among the 670 members chosen from all parts of the kingdom, from every class different in interest, in wealth, in education, in the lives in which they led, in the views they took of politics, and then, if we also reflected upon the manner in which they were chosen generally at a period of great electoral excitement, then, if we thought of the stupendous task which they carried out—how they governed interests not only in this kingdom but our dependencies and colonies, with their clashing interests and varying creeds—the marvel was that the House of Commons was able to do it all. (Applause.)

Stories of Speakers.

Prof. Masterman described how the Government of the country had changed since the 17th century from Government by representative institutions to responsible Government. It was in the 17th century that the "naming" of a member of the House was introduced by the Speaker. The first member was a Sir William Carnaby, who was talking loudly in a corner of the House to several other members. About that time we read that members frequented taverns and bowling greens, and it was ordained that the Speaker should not take the Chair unless there were 40 members in the House. The custom has remained in force ever since. We read also that a member went up to the Speaker, "put out his tongue, and popped his mouth with his finger in scorn." (Laughter.) Another member stood close to the Speaker's Chair and cried "Boo!" in the Speaker's ear, "much to the great terror and affrightment of the Speaker and the House." (Renewed laughter.)—The closing lecture will be given next Saturday, when Mr. P. V. Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works, will preside.

£80,000 CLAIM.

SEQUEL TO LICHTNING DIVORCE.

The opposing claims of an uncle and a nephew, named respectively Thos. Willing Stirling and Rd. Stirling, to property in Scotland of the value of £80,000 to £100,000, descended from an ancestress, Agnes Stirling, were decided yesterday in favour of the uncle by Justice Swinfen Eady, in the Chancery Division. —The case turned upon the question whether defendant, Richard, was legitimate. This question was also dependent upon whether his father and mother, Walter Stirling, now deceased, and Evangeline Grace (née Seager) were validly married after the lady's divorce, in the North Dakota Courts, from her former husband, Geo. Arbuthnott Smith, the son of a minister of the Church of Scotland. The validity of the Dakota divorce was also impeached.—His lordship related the facts in the case up to

The Residence in North Dakota

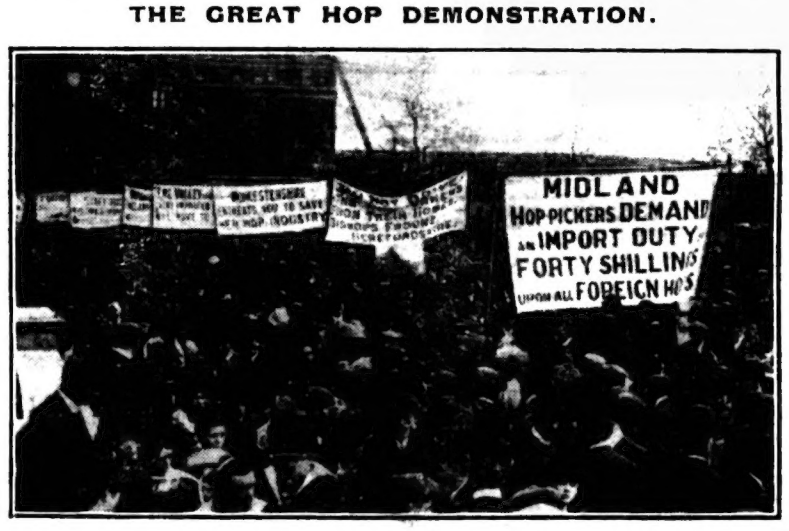
of Smith, for a period of 90 days, which he was told was requisite for a divorce. So far as his lordship was able to gather, the whole divorce proceeding could only have taken a very short time. The divorce was literally granted to Smith while he waited. He entered the lawyer's office to give instructions for the proceedings, and later in the day left with the order for divorce in his pocket. It was manifest that the Dakota divorce was not of any validity to dissolve the marriage between Mr. and Mrs. Smith. By his temporary residence at Fargo, Dakota, Smith did not acquire any new domicile, or a so-called matrimonial domicile. Therefore, said his lordship, the subsequent union of Walter Stirling and Mrs. Smith was not a lawful marriage. His lordship held that Walter Stirling died without having had any lawful issue, and that plaintiff, Thos. Willing Stirling, had established his title as the sixth son of the late Thos. Mayne Stirling, to possession of the lands and to the income of the residuary investments.

TO-MORROW'S PARLIAMENT.

A motion for the erection of a monument in Westminster Abbey to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will be moved to-morrow by the Premier in the House of Commons and by Lord Crewe in the Upper House.

The Education Bill is down for second reading in the House of Commons to-morrow. It is expected that Mr. Balfour will be able to take part in the debate. The Premier is understood to be prepared to offer modifications of the measure, the nature of which he may indicate to-morrow.

THE GREAT HOP DEMONSTRATION.



THE PROCESSION STARTING ON THE EMBANKMENT FOR TRAFALGAR SQUARE. (Photo, Halftones.

A full report of the proceedings will be found on Page 13.)

COUNT AND WIDOW.

STORY OF A FRUSTRATED WEDDING.

SCENE IN A VESTRY.

An extraordinary story of a wedding that was frustrated through the intervention of the vicar of a fashionable suburb of Bristol leaked out yesterday. Receiving notice on Wednesday of a marriage by license the following day of a man bearing the name of a Russian Count and a widow lady of the parish possessed of an ample yearly income, his suspicions were aroused, and communications were made with the Russian and United States vice-consuls and the city detective department. From the consuls the vicar discovered that he would be protected in his refusal to marry the couple by the law that if either party belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church the ceremony must be performed according to the rites of that church, with the proviso that later on the marriage might be confirmed in a church or chapel according to the Christian faith. The wedding was fixed for 11 o'clock, and the prospective bridegroom forwarded to the vicar the license he had procured from the city registry. At a quarter to eleven a brougham, drawn by a pair of horses, drove up to the church, and the Russian Count, his prospective bride, and her son alighted.

Waiting for the Vicar.

Quite a small knot of residents watched the wedding party enter the church, but soon word went round of the swell wedding, and the church became fairly full. The parties were conducted to the vestry by the curate, and left there awaiting the arrival of the vicar and the Russian and American Consuls, the latter having been invited to be present to advise as to marriage law. Time went by, and the vicar not having put in an appearance the anxious bridegroom sent out several inquiries as to the cause of the delay. He was told that the vicar's absence must be due to a visit to some sick parishioner. Presently the vicar arrived, and simultaneously there appeared at the church the chief inspector of the Bristol Detective Department and several other police officials.

The Vicar's Move.

The was a suspicion that the Russian count was a married man, with a wife and several children, and the police, who had been communicated with in advance, had photographs of a man supposed to answer the description of the anxious bridegroom. As a result of a consultation with the police and Consular authorities, the vicar decided to decline to perform the marriage ceremony. Entering the vestry he apologised to the wedding party for being late, and, addressing the count, said, "I believe you are a Russian subject?" The answer being in the affirmative, the vicar said he was sorry that the ceremony could not proceed owing to the legal difficulties.

Acquainted Only Three Weeks.

Asked how long she had known her prospective husband, the widow, who was greatly agitated, replied three weeks, adding, "I trust him implicitly and wish to marry him." "Supposing he is an adventurer," asked the vicar. The irate bridegroom, facing the clergyman in an angry mood, said in broken English, "I don't know the meaning of that word, but if it is what I think, I would like to thrash you." The vicar, who acted throughout with wonderful tact, advised the man to calm himself and restrain his indignation. Then he announced his intention not to proceed with the wedding until he had satisfied himself on legal points.

No Wedding.

Meanwhile a huge congregation had assembled, and as time was drawing near for a funeral in the adjoining churchyard, an attempt was made to get the wedding party out of the church by the side door, but as the carriage could not be driven up they elected to run the gauntlet of the crowd of village sightseers. The count, who wore a red, white, and blue sash across his shoulders, accompanied the bride up the centre aisle. She was pale and agitated and extremely nervous, and almost on the point of fainting. The vicar proceeded to explain to the congregation there could be no wedding owing to technical difficulties

An Interview With the Vicar.

After visiting the registry office in Bristol to ascertain why the license had been issued if marriage could not be performed, the parties retuned to the vicarage and demanded an interview with the clergyman. The bridegroom angrily demanded the return of the license which he had left with the vicar, saying he would not now be married in the church for £1,000. "Very well," replied the vicar, 'if you don't want to get married I need not go to London to satisfy myself as to the legality of the ceremony, as I have offered," and he handed over the license, and the parties drove to the railway station and are understood to have booked for Reading. It is understood that the couple were afterwards married by special license in a church some miles distant.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

A GRATIFYING REPORT FROM MENTONE.

Mentone, Saturday Night.—From a source in which the utmost reliance can be placed, I learn to-night that Mr. Chamberlain has now so far recovered that he seems quite his old self. He is undoubtedly wonderfully better, and it is many years since he has been so free from his old enemy, the gout.

The right hon. gentleman looks bright and well, though he still manifests some slight signs of lameness when walking. Walks and drives he takes daily, and is now constantly receiving friends, all of whom are delighted at the great improvement in him.

The weather now could not be more favourable to the distinguished patient. To-day has been a day of brilliant sunshine, but there have been cool breezes to temper the heat.

On June 15 Mr. Chamberlain will go to Aix-les-Bains, to undergo the treatment, from which he hopes much. He is greatly cheered by what he himself describes as the "swelling wave of Tariff Reform," and was particularly pleased at the result of the Wolverhampton by-election. He is seriously and keenly anticipating taking an active part in the councils of his party on his return to England. —Central News.

THE GREAT WHITE CITY.

SUNSHINE AT SHEPHERD'S BUSH YESTERDAY.

The conditions yesterday at the Franco-British Exhibition were very different from what they were on the day of opening by the Prince of Wales. The sun shone brilliantly, and many thousands of people passed into the grounds during the afternoon, and the exhibition seemed to make an effort to respond to the visitors' gaiety. Even the workmen—and not alone the French workmen—went about singing. Much has been done since the opening day, and it is evident that almost superhuman efforts are being made to hurry things forward. The display of bustling industry is itself highly interesting.

THE TUDOR HOUSE.

The gardens have begun to look very fresh, and all sorts of quaint doings were being carried out in the French section. The trees in the neighbourhood of the Tudor house — a house which is likely to provide immense interest to Continental and American visitors—are quite out, and very soon people will be able to realise the magnificence with which the organisers planted their avenues and side-walks. The swan-boats were released from their moorings soon after luncheon time, and went on trial trips along the canals. Crack military bands played continuously all the afternoon.

(Other details appear on Page 4.)

ROYAL BIRTHDAYS.

To-day (Sunday) the King of Spain will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of his birthday, having been born on May 17, 1886. To-day is also the natal day of Princess Alexandra, eldest daughter of the Princess Royal and the Duke of Fife, who was born on May 17, 1891.

CATTLE DRIVING.

Yesterday, a cattle drive on a fairly large scale took place in the immediate vicinity of Nenagh, when the lands of Ballygasheen and Ballinaclough, the property of Capt. Bayly, were cleared of every head of stock.

FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER

FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING MIDNIGHT (SUNDAY).

0.	SCOTLAND, N.	Southerly winds, moderate or fresh; fair at first, some rain later.
1.	SCOTLAND, E.	Southerly and south-westerly winds, light; fair generally, warmer.
2.	ENGLAND, N.E.	
3.	ENGLAND, E.	Westerly and south-westerly winds, light; fine generally, warmer, some mist or fog on coast.
4.	MIDLAND COUNTIES...	
5.	ENGLAND, S. (London & Channel) ...	
6.	SCOTLAND, W.	Southerly and south-westerly winds, moderate or fresh; dull, some rain, mostly on foggy in places.
7.	ENGLAND, N.W. and N. Wales	Southerly and south-westerly winds, moderate; fine inland and warmer; cool on coast, with some mist or fog.
8.	ENGLAND, S.W. and S. Wales	
9.	IRELAND, N.	Same as No. 6.
10.	IRELAND, S.	
11.	W. CHANNEL and BAY.....	Fresh south-westerly winds, channel and northern part of bay, with a moderate swell; light variable winds, and slight sea further south. Fair generally.

SUN { Rises 4. 7a.m. / Sets 7.45p.m. } Moon { Rises 8.12 p.m. / Sets 4.36 a.m. }
Lighting-up time for vehicles, 8.45 p.m.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

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W	6 29	4 52	1 50	2 13	9 55	10 17	8 52	9 15
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CIGARETTE PAPERS
FOR AFTER-DINNER SMOKING.

Genius and Guineas.

It does not follow that because an author is businesslike in his publishing arrangements that he has not written his best. Given the settlement of his plans for making the most he thinks he can out of his book, he can put just as much love and heart and enthusiasm into it as he is capable of. The leading idea of "Art for Art's sake" seems to be that the votary of the Muses should leave his work to be peddled by any trader who comes along at the said trader's own sweet mercenary will. All this is utter nonsense. The moderns who try to follow in the footsteps of the acknowledged great masters will find that they knew how to make a bargain, and how to combine the enjoyment of wealth and the distinction of fame. There is no greater affectation than that of the author who pretends he is sacrificing himself to the requirements of the public. I know one such—a very good fellow too, in his way, who is in a chronic state of indignation because the public will not let him write as well as he can. He deplores what he regards as the financial necessity of "writing down to the public." In his way he is quite as extravagant, though he is not so funny, as Oliver Wendell Holmes's idealisation of his humorous self. You remember the story? He wrote some lines in a merry mood. They were so queer he "laughed as he would die." Then he called his servant. These to the printer, he exclaimed, and, in a jovial way, he added, "there'll be the devil to pay." The servant, you will remember, took the paper, peeped within, and at the first line his face was all upon a grin. The lines grew in comicality, and he read and read until he burst his buttons off with laughter, and "tumbled in a fit."

The days and nights, with sleepless eye,
I watched that wretched man,
And since, I never dare to write
As funny as I can.

Literature as a Trade.

By the way, as an encouragement to the worldly author, who thinks the labourer worthy of his hire, it may be mentioned that Lord Tennyson lost neither dignity nor poetic inspiration by turning his verses into guineas. He made his Muse a most business-like lady, counted her work by the line, sold it by the word, making contracts with stipulations for prompt and ample payment. Thackeray regarded literature as a trade. Shakspere himself had his eye on the box-office. Pope, I imagine, was as eminent in his way as art-for-art's-sake critics and other pretenders who swagger through the world of letters with their flashy axioms and their tinsel texts. Pope at a needful time resolved to win an independence by his pen. Possessing in a great degree the common sense which accompanies the higher development of genius, he went to work and practically "syndicated," to use a current term of the present day, his intended translation of Homer's "Iliad." He got up subscriptions for it, and while the names were coming in went on with his work; Lintot, the great bookseller, paid him handsomely for the copyright, and the book realised for its business-like author £5,320. With this he secured an annuity on his life which raised him above pecuniary anxieties. The origin of "Vivian Grey" offers another illustration of great books that have not been written altogether as "Art for Art's sake." Mr. Henry Lake, one of Lord Beaconsfield's political friends, tells the story, and it was well worth telling. When Disraeli was 18 he contracted a debt he was unable to meet. He was quite human, you see. In his embarrassment he took his sister's advice and appealed to the Rector of Bradenham, who had known him from boyhood. The reverend gentleman cheerfully made the necessary advance. "I am well aware of the stuff that is in you," he said, "and you shall repay me by a successful book, which I am quite certain you can write." Thereupon Disraeli wrote "Vivian Grey," and paid his debt. It was the work of three years. When he was one-and-twenty his first novel was the talk of the town.

The Drink Question.

I can quite understand the enthusiasm of the water drinker who believes that alcohol is at the bottom of all our miseries. Satan could have invented nothing more detrimental to human health and happiness than drunkenness. That is generally admitted; but you are not going to cure it by laws so stringent that they beget revolt. Much can be done by legislative action, discreetly conceived and adroitly administered, but men must be allowed a certain amount of liberty even to go their own way. Few of the total abstainers who are celebrated in their lives outside teetotalism are dogmatic railers against wine or advocates of making men virtuous by Act of Parliament. Richard Cobden thought it scarcely an exaggeration to say that all other reforms together would fail to confer as great blessings on the community as that of weaning them from intoxication, but he was no "anti-liquor law man." John Bright, like his friend and colleague was a total abstainer, but he did not exclude from his hospitable board a glass of wine for his friends. Canon Kingsley, though he dreaded the "teetotal movement," fearing that it would beget that "subtlest of sins, spiritual pride and Pharisaism," had such a horror of drink that he suggested something in the direction of "local option." Kingsley said he saw "no hope for country parishes unless the number of public-houses could be legally restricted by the area of the parish and the amount of population to the lowest possible number, and those placed under the most vigilant police superintendence."

The Wearing o' the Green.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring, tral-la, have nothing to do with the case." They are welcome enough, heaven knows; but I am thinking at this moment of the fashions that bloom in the spring, tral-la—and men's fashions at that. It is, no doubt, fitting enough that mankind should at this time of the year come out like Shelley's "fresh earth, in new leaves drest"—but too much green is not good for mankind's complexion, and in my humble opinion the green suede glove is going more than a shade too far. Can such thing be? I have seen them: therefore they can. The window of a London hosier is at this moment full of green gloves. Worse than that, the hosier has got some of them off his own hands and on other people's, for within a few days I have met two men wearing them: one was in New Bond-street, the other in the lobby of the House of Commons. The latter had on a green Alpine hat as well, and strangers believed him to be an Irish member suffering from an unusual excess of loyalty to the Emerald Isle. Members, however—especially Liberals—knew better, and were inclined to suspect him of being "The Green Man" at Edgware" come down to Westminster to protest in person against the Licensing Bill.

After the Rain.

Whatever one may say about this being a free country and the like, it is not "cricket" for a man to walk about in green when the public eye has grown accustomed to seeing him in greys and browns and blacks. Legally, no doubt, he has undisputed right to go down to the City, or to return from it, in a magenta suit edged with pale blue braid—provided he does not "cause an obstruction." But, morally, I would find him guilty of a serious offence against society in general, and his friends in particular. The eccentric person, or rather the person who is eccentric in his attire, does more to keep alive the impudence of errand boys than the motor-car with something wrong with its works. The dawning of a day may find the errand boy in a perfectly respectful mood. He may begin his duties soberly and well, when along comes a man in green gloves, or a woman in divided skirts, and he is demoralised for the rest of the day. "What care I?" says the eccentric one, "if the boy does cry 'What funny things come up after the rain!' It doesn't hurt me!"

The "Penny Dreadful."

Is the penny dreadful actually the very dreadful pennyworth it is frequently alleged to be by counsel defending youthful doers of evil? Does it really lead the infant reader into crime? If it does, it ought to be, and could be, instantly removed from the face of the earth. If it does not, then our men of law owe it a million apologies. A boy is charged with having "feloniously, unlawfully, and maliciously placed a piece of steel rail on the North-South-Eastern line at Muddle-Puddle Junction, with intent to overthrow a train and endanger the lives of passengers"; and Mr. Wiggins, for the defence, "produces a couple of story-books, saying, 'I believe it is all due to these.'" Why should it be "all due to these," I wonder? And if it is, how is it that the proprietor, the editor, the publisher, and the printer have escaped, and are permitted to continue to escape, penal servitude? It is the simplest thing in the world to arrest them on a warrant and to bring them into court. They are to be found any day in the week (Sundays excepted) at their respective duties. They do not work in secret chambers underground, or in battlemented castles protected from the law's assault by drawbridge, moat, and cannon. If it is a fact, positive and undeniable, that these men, so meek and mild to look upon, are in reality desperate villains in disguise—if their story-books are really nothing but "first-steps" in crime—they must be prosecuted at once. I'll willingly be the prosecutor myself if the Public one is too busy with other offenders!

But —!

Yes—but! That's just it. *Do* these story-books teach their young readers how to upset trains and break into houses? *Do* they make heroes of boys who "feloniously, unlawfully, and maliciously" place pieces of steel rail on the North-South-Eastern line, at Muddle-Puddle Junction "with intent to overthrow a train and endanger the lives of passengers"? *Do* they make heroes of boys who pick and file their way through doors and windows and steal the silver or the cold mutton? I doubt it,—and I hope I am right to doubt it, for if I am not, the Public Prosecutor is wrong, amazingly wrong, to keep his hand from the infant criminals' trainers. I lately purchased all the penny dreadfuls—they were halfpenny-dreadfuls, by the way—that seemed most likely to contain what "Mr. Wiggins, for the defence," implies that they contain, but I found nothing in the least bit calculated to inspire the youthful reader with an ambition to trip up railway trains. There were many cases where good boys got punished for the sins of bad boys, but they all ended in the triumph of virtue over vice. Many, too, were the instances of exaggerated heroism, particularly on the part of English boys, "out West." In one of the books I found a dozen rebellious cowboys, all armed to the teeth, holding up their hands to the order of a midshipmite about the size of a junior form infant at a Kindergarten. But does not Mr. Lewis Waller do something of the sort in "A White Man"? And if we have this order of heroism on the stage, why not in a book? Of course, it is just possible that I happened to purchase every "penny-dreadful" but the one containing the lessons in train-wrecking and housebreaking; and that "Mr. Wiggins, for the defence," can prove to me that such a book exists. If he is able to do that, he should be able to send a marked copy to the Public Prosecutor, and the Public Prosecutor should be able to Prosecute Publicity.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[Questions requiring to be answered the same week must reach the office of The People Milford-lane, Strand, W.C., by TUESDAY morning. Valuations, whether of coins, books or other property are never given. Letters should be written on ink and marked outside Legal, Medical, Music Page, "Sporting," or otherwise. The coupon given below must be forwarded for each question, with name and address of questioner in full names, but not for publication when a nom de plume is appended. Neither private addresses nor recommendations are ever given. No answer will be given through the post even though stamps are enclosed. All rejected MSS. unaccompanied by stamped addressed covers will be destroyed. Copies of short articles should be kept by their authors. We do not undertake to return them, nor do we accept any responsibility for MSS. that may be lost. Recipes for recipes should be addressed to "Housekeeper."]

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LOST AND FOUND.

[Notices to contain the following particulars only. Name of missing one, how long since last heard of, relationship to applicant, age, nature and address of applicant. Correspondents for publication or Must have been missing for over one year at least. Notices must come direct from relations. Reputation will not be given. Stamps must be enclosed. Notices which do not comply with these rules can only be inserted as "Personal" advertisement at the usual charge.]

MEDICAL ADVICE.

[A physician, whose qualifications for the work are of the highest, answers ordinary questions of a medical nature. In ordinary cases the reply is given free of charge, under the heading "Medical," but when written prescriptions are necessary the applicant must send stamped addressed envelope and a shilling postal order. This must also be done whenever the question is of such a delicate nature as to be unfit to be dealt with publicly. The word "Medical" should appear outside.]

LEGAL QUERIES.

[Original documents are not to be sent on any account. We cannot be responsible for them, or undertake to return them, even if stamps are enclosed. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the answers, although they are by a legal expert. He does not undertake to construe the rules of friendly societies nor to answer questions on foreign law. It is not always possible to answer all during the current week. Repeated questions on the same subject must be accompanied with a copy of the previous question and our answer.]

PATENTS.

[Having no room for information respecting the taking out of patents and collateral matters, we forward all communications to a professional agent, who answers queries free of charge. The envelope should be inscribed "Patent."]

NOMS-DE-PLUME.

[Correspondents should select uncommon noms-de-plume in order to avoid confusion.]

LEGAL.

CACTUS.—All equally.
HOLLIS.—Yes, it appears to be a weekly tenancy.
GEO. ARCHER.—Yes, he can.
VOTEX.—You are, but it is kept private.
EBBAS.—No, he cannot.
ALF.—1. Write and demand damages. 2. No.
HASING.—Yes, certainly.
ALLEN.—Sue for a fortnight's wages, plus board.
BLUE.—No, to each one.
A THIEMAN.—He is entitled to the two days only.
JOHNS.—No, they are natures.
WILKETA.—We would advise you to do it.
CAIRO.—One week.
CAPO.—No, the claim is statute barred.
CROSSTHAIR.—Sue him in the County Court.
GILMOUR.—No, not that I can see.
IRISH.—No, it is statute barred.
ALBERT PIDGEON.—Yes, we think they are.
FLOW.—We cannot. Ring up.
CORBY ROAD.—Yes, they can.
SORUPATOR.—We prefer the G.P.O.
EMILA.—£50.
ANXIOUS.—Yes, if you agreed to the liability.
W. WOOD.—1. Yes. 2. No.
CRITIC.—Yes, as there cannot be a bill of sale.
G. H. B.—It will be divided equally.
IN DOUBT.—The order can still be put in force.
HERBERT HOPKINSON.—He can sue.
CHARLIE.—1. Yes. 2. One shilling. 3. Yes. 4. No.
PERPLEXED.—Yes, he can.
NONENUF.—Go to the magistrate and complain.
SCOUSE (Bootle).—Yes, he can.
NELLIE.—1. Yes. 2. No.
UPHAZ.—We can only advise extreme caution.
NEW.—1. Income Tax would be payable on £2 18s. 2. We should say not.
OVER RATED.—You can appeal either to Special Sessions or quarter sessions.
W. SELLICK.—We never advise as to the stability of societies.
NOT EXPERIENCED.—Go at once to the Police Court and get the proper forms of ejectment.
W. ROUGHTON.—No, you cannot arrest a soldier for debt.
HANDY HANDY.—You run some slight risk, but if necessary for their keep we should do it.
WORK AND WORRY.—1. She can claim. 2. No, except for rent. 3. No.
MATTERS.—Threaten to use it the estate is not at once wound up, and let us know result.
DISTURBED.—Yes, if wife gets the first £500 if there are no children.
GRIMSBY.—Defend the summons and explain the facts.
DEEDS.—They can keep the deeds till the money is paid.
TIFFY.—Six months' notice, expiring June 24 in any year.
A. L. D.—If she sues pay a reasonable amount for their services and defend.
E. J. CLARK.—Sue him, get judgment, and issue execution on the box and its contents.
GIFT HORSE.—Yes, if it is over 10 years and you can prove the facts.
INSURO.—1. Yes. 2. Yes, by assignment and giving notice to office. 3. No, try No. 2.
IN THE DARK.—Yes, that is the right course to pursue.
BLUESELL.—You cannot sell a baby. The father can always claim it.
TOM (Devon).—Demand to see probate or letters of administration.
A. C. 28.—The amount must not be less than £50.
PERSECUTED.—The plaintiff generally waits two months before issuing a fresh judgment summons.
G. (Blackwater).—1. It is dangerous, but not illegal. 2. None whatever.
ACUMEN.—1. Yes, you can claim one-third of the goods. 2. Not if she is living an immoral life.
WALTER WILLIAMS.—Too long to answer here. See a solicitor about the form.
GRATEFUL.—Nothing. You have probably lost your money.
WIMBLEDON.—1. Yes, open them. 2. Why not lock him out?
GRACE.—None, you can only sue the person you lent them to for damages.
MISERABLE.—We cannot advise you how to do wrong.
STRAWBERRY.—We are sorry to say it will cost you over £50.
CONSTANT READER (Berks).—We should sue for damages.
REFERENTIAL.—No, you cannot unless they were addressed to you.
LASCELLE.—You can do it by deed poll at the cost of £5 or by advertisement—at the cost of it, follow that because you pay £35 the house is not worth £44.
SEWER.—This is a very moot point. It depends on the exact wording of your lease. See a solicitor.
WESTWARD HO!—We never advise on society law. It all depends on the terms on which your father joined the society.
CONSTANT READER (Radnorshire).—The wearing apparel and bedding of yourself and family up to the value of £10 would be left to you.
J. E. G.—You are one of the next of kin, but your father, if alive, would have a prior claim before you.
PHENACETIN.—The legacy to your father lapsed owing to his death in the lady's lifetime. You have no claim thereto.
DOUBTFUL.—1. It depends on if he has the means. 2. No, it is forgery. Give notice to the Post Office.
BILL.—Why needlessly complicate the transaction in the way you do? It will be cheapest to pay a solicitor on 9d. to advise you.
CAPTAIN.—You are entitled to a year's notice to quit if it is an agricultural tenancy, but not otherwise.
HARLEY STREET.—No, we do not. But the onus is on the other side to prove it is not hers. Let them try to do so, but in our opinion if they interpleaded it would be theirs.
ANXIOUS TO KNOW.—1. Yes. Buy a sixpenny form at a stationer's. 2. The address is Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C., but the trustee would not act on so small a matter.
TAT.—He is a yearly tenant, and must give six months' notice, terminating at the date he went in. Three months, it is clear one month is not sufficient.
NO. 58.—1. No, he is a lodger. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Yes. 6. Objected to. 7. Yes. 8. Any elector. 9. By registered letter. 10. When the list is published.
KATHARINE.—They can give it by handing over a chair in the name of the lot in the presence of a witness, but if they die before a year has passed it is bad.
KELLY.—We think the three children can claim the portion mentioned, but the matter is a doubtful one. See the solicitors who acted in the administration of the property's estate.
CLIFTON.—1. Quarterly is usual, in the absence of express terms. 2. Yes. 3. She must try and get a situation and deduct what she gets. 4. Yes, if she agrees.
IN FORMA PAUPERIS.—You must find a solicitor and barrister who will act in the work for nothing. The Court will then remit the fees on certain papers being signed.
VOICELESS.—Go at once to the secretary of the Employment for Women Exhibition at the Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge. She will advise you if you write fully.
FIFTY SHILLINGS.—Not if six weeks arrears can be claimed. The mode of imprisonment rests with the magistrate, but must not exceed three calendar months.
POOR BUT HONEST.—Elder brother entitled to the freehold property. Everything else equally divided between deceased's mother, brothers and sisters. You should claim your share.
ANG.—1. You would be an unsecured creditor for the amount. 2. A penny stamp would be sufficient. 3. Yes, if it is over 10 years and the promissory note or bill of exchange, when the stamp duty would be three shillings.
BEADPIELD.—The question of whether it will decrease the value of your land is one for decision by someone with knowledge of local land. It is quite possible that what is being done will prevent you having free rights over your land you might possibly have a claim for damages.
AGRICOLA.—The land being more than two acres in extent, is outside the scope of the Allotments and Cottage Gardens (Compensation for Crops) Act, 1887, and will not come under the Market Gardeners Compensation Act, 1895, unless it was agreed in writing to treat same as a market garden. Therefore, it is doubtful if you have any claim. You may be entitled under the Agricultural Holding Acts of 1883 and 1900 if it is a proper agricultural tenancy. A local solicitor would advise you to take it, after perusing your agreement, which we have not seen.
RITA VICTIM.—Yes.
INQUISITIVE, SOKE POINT.—No.

MEDICAL.

C. L. X.—We cannot advise you on the matter.
G. W. CHARLTON.—It does.
FAITHFUL.—A small quantity of good fresh olive oil.
A. OROSS.—Yes, it can be cured by an operation.
CUTICOLE.—The constant cutting is the cause.
LEEDSITE, NORTHWOLD, STOLHAM.—No medicines necessary before advice can be given.
GOODIE GOOD.—Have the part massaged daily by one who knows how to do it, and well rubbed with light and morning with some of the following mixture compounded. No. 4, through any chemist:—
No. 1.—Apply a small quantity of the ungt. hydrarg. ammon. cum camphora to the part.
No. 2.—Send to WHAT you require can be obtained of any wood-turner.
NEARLY DEAD, DORSET.—An operation is the only cure.
ALF.—Beards will not help you. Time alone will do what you desire.
MUMMAS.—Go to the nearest eye hospital, be examined and do what they recommend.
NEWS.—I have no time to do with it. The only cure is by an operation.
FINKLE.—All quacks are ludicrous to the growth of the hair. I do not recommend them.
KHANDARI.—You cannot do better than to follow the advice of your medical man.
SURE FATH.—Ask Samaritan Hospital. Letter, Covent-garden, W.C.
FORTISMOUTH TOWN.—1. It is the custom. 2. Consult an opticians or a medical surgeon. 3. Once in 3 years according to circumstances.
PERPLEXED.—WORKINGLIFE, 2 HIGH-mans, Hammersmith.—Take local medical advice.
PIMPLY.—Try a 5 grain sermine ointment tabloid occasionally when inclined to vomit.
MILLY.—Yes, it is the active principle or the exposure to the A Rays. The process is an expensive one.
SHOKKER.—Dissolve two saccharagenical soloids in 4 ounces of clean tepid water and sniff up the nostrils daily.
ANXIOUS.—HORLICKS. 1. It is useless for your purpose. 2. Take medicine and observe the directions as for Kanapiee.
WINSTON.—What you have is a very good tonic and one that if persevered with for a time, you cannot do better.
LA LA.—Paint the part night and morning with Iodine. Inclose 6d. postage. Rest it as much as possible.
MESSENGER.—Wear inside your boots what is known as "calcium soles." They can be obtained at any surgical instrument makers.
PAULINE.—Apply sulphur ointment daily; take a warm bath every night, and a tepid one, using borax as a soap. Change your linen frequently.
JERSEY.—Spray the throat two or three times a day with some of the solution in 100 parts water.
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ENDSANE.—Take 1 ounce of this medicine in a tumblerful of hot water each night and morning. Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, 2 drachms; ag ammon co, 4 drachms; aq menth pip, to 8 ounces.
HEARTASTON.—Take a tablespoonful of the following medicine in 2 ounces of water twice a day after food. Tinct ferri mur, 2 drachms; quinæ sulph, 1 grain; chloroform, 2 drachms; aquæ menth pip, to 8 ounces.
HOOF.—Dress in flannel, live much in the open air, and take a warm bath once a week, and one of these pills after each meal: Ferri redacti, 4 grains; quinæ sulphatis, 2 grains. Avoid all stimulants. Have well massaged daily.
HAIR.—Take 2 tablespoonfuls of this mixture in as much water each night at bed-time: Liq. lavacri, 1 drachm; potass bromid, ammon bromid, of each 2 drachms; tinct of cinchona co, of each 2 drachms; tinct aurantii, 4 drachms, aq destillat, to 12 ounces.
M. MAUDE.—Avoid all wines and spirits. Live much in the open air. Take a liberal diet of good quality. Eat butter, cream, fat meats, farinaceous puddings, milk, and take a little drink of malt, and a use of stout with your dinner. Take 1 drachm of the syr hypophos co twice a day in 2 ounces of water after food.
REGULAR.—Carefully syringe the ear daily with clean water at 100 deg. Fahr., gently dry and blow in a small quantity of finely powdered boracic acid. Take 1 drachm of iron wine three times a day after food and 1 drachm of cod liver oil after dinner. If not better in one week consult an aural surgeon.
BALDY.—Rub some of this wash into the roots of the hair each night at bed-time, and persevere with the treatment until a healthy growth is restored. Quinæ sulph, 24 grains; tinct cantharid, 2 drachms; extract jaborandi fluid, 2 drachms; sp vini rect, 2 ounces; glycerin, 1 ounce; bay rhum, 6 ounces; aquæ rosæ, to 20 ounces.
J. S. NIWOD INQUIRER.—Remove all scabs by rightly positioning. Cut the hair short and keep it so. Apply a small quantity of this ointment each night: Ungt eucalyptus et ungt acid boracic, of each equal parts. Wash the head once a week with soft soap and a use of stout with your dinner. Take 1 drachm of the syr hypophos co twice a day in 2 ounces of water after food.
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CONSTANT READER, HAMPSHIRE, STIFF.—Live much in the open air, have the painful part well massaged daily, and well rub on the following mixture: Ol thymi, ol lavandulæ, of each 1 drachm; linimenti camphoræ, 1 ounce. Let the mixture act in the open, of each equal parts. Take 1 tablespoonful of this medicine in a claret-glassful of effervescing potash water after each meal: Mag sulph, 1 ounce; sodii iodidi, 2 drachms; sodii bicarb, 4 drachms; potassæ bicarb, 1 ounce; liq ferri perchlor, 1 drachm; decoct aloes co, to 5½ ounces. Avoid all stimulants. Dress in flannel.
VERA SOLSTACE LE NEZ.—Daily sniff up the nostrils this solution: Glycerin acid carbolic, glycerini boracis, of each equal parts to ½ drachm; clean tepid water, to 2 ounces. Avoid all stimulants and tobacco. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in a tumblerful of hot water each alternate morning on rising: Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, 2 drachms; sp æther nit, 4 drachms; aq menth pip, to 10 ounces. Live much in the open air. Learn to breathe through the nostrils. An operation would cure you.
ANXIOUS INQUIRER.—Take 1 tablespoonful of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Acid acetic dil, 6 drachms; tinct gent co, 4 drachms; aq chloroform, to 2 ounces. Avoid all fatty, oily, and farinaceous foods, sugar, potatoes, and all stimulants; eat the lean of meat, brown bread toasted, and well-cooked fresh green vegetables. Take a Turkish bath once a week. Drink a tumblerful of hot water night and morning. Get daily walking exercise in the open air.
N.—Give the most rigid attention to your personal cleanliness. Never eat food in the paint shop or where paint is. Carefully wash your hands before each meal. Breathe through your nose when at work, or wear a respirator. Keep a suit of clothes at home to change into when at work. Drink lemonade made from fresh lemons. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in 2 ounces of water after each meal: Mag sulph, 1 ounce; sodii iodidi, 1½ drachms; aq menth pip, to 6 ounces.
ASTHMATIC.—Dress in flannel; take a varied diet of good quality, but avoid pastry, cake, sweets, and all good beef tea, fish, and poultry, etc.; also take ½ ounce of this medicine three times a day in as much sweetened lemonade: Potassii iodidi, 2 drachms; tinct of cubebs, 1 drachm; vin ipecac, 2 drachms; succ liquoricæ, 3 drachms; aquæ chloret, to 10 ounces. As an aperient take one or two compound sulphur pills every night and morning, as may be necessary. Avoid stimulants. Take no food after 6.30 p.m.
SHAMROCK.—Use plenty of salt with your food; take an enema daily at the same hour of fresh tepid infusion of quassia (6 ounces); also ½ ounce of this medicine in 2 ounces of water after each meal: Tinct ferri mur, 2 drachms; sp chloret, 3 drachms; inf quassiæ, to 12 ounces of drinking water; avoid pastry, cakes, sweets, and all vegetables cooked before taken. Cut the finger-nails short and keep them so. Wash your hands on all occasions before taking food. The drachm dose for an adult only.
GARDNER GRIX.—When washing the part use clean tepid water and lanoline pure tar soap; dry well. Apply at night a small quantity of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 15 grains; lin carbonis detergens, 1 drachm; lanoline and vaseline, of each equal parts, to 1 ounce. Take a course of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Sodii bicarb 2 drachms; mag sulph ½ ounce; inf rhei, 2 ounces; ag ammon co, 3 drachms; liq fowleri, 4 drachm; inf co usque, to 12 ounces.
EM WILL A CONSTANT READER, CHCTAT.—Wash the head once a week for four weeks at bed-time using warm water and coal tar soap; dry well. Daily apply to the hair and its roots some of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 10 grains; lin carbonis detergens, 1 drachm; alkaline paraffin, 2 drachms; lanoline (pure) and vaseline, of each ½ ounce. Take 1 ounce of this medicine each alternate morning on rising: Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, 2 drachms; peppermint water, to 10 ounces. Have the scalp well massaged daily.
TENDER FEET.—Wash the affected part each day with clean tepid water, to which some boracic powder has been added; use coal tar soap; dry well, and dust on some of the powder. Take 1 ounce of this medicine each alternate morning in a tumblerful of hot water on rising: Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, 2 drachms; peppermint water, to 10 ounces. Change your socks frequently; never wear the same pair of boots two consecutive days. Some of the above to be put in your socks and boots. Wear shoes made with canvas uppers.
MIROE.—If there are any abnormalities in the mouth, throat, or air passages, these must be remedied. Exercise the greatest slowness and deliberation when speaking. Read aloud, slowly. Practise singing every day over the notes in the combination of sounds which give the greatest difficulty; this must be done with patience and perseverance. Take the first note on the scale slowly singing or intoning them; after which repeated practice in loud, slow reading. If this system is patiently carried out it will gradually produce permanent improvement. Drugs will not help you.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

SWEETMAN.—Take him to Shorley yourself.
LANCER.—Hospital.
ORTHODOX.—Write to your boy and ask.
STOCK.—War strength, 387,000.
FAITHFUL.—Yes, it is.
A CIVILIAN.—From the particulars in your letter I should say you were.
COASTGUARD.—Next March will probably be the date.
EDWARD HILLS.—Apply to the secretary and study by one who knows how to do it, and well the other charity you mention, and can find no record of its existence.
TRUE BLUE.—I do not think the ship will be home this year.
FORWARD.—Admiral Graham is not at present flying his flag.
IVY.—It is quite impossible from the meagre particulars you give to help you.
BON ACCORD.—I should think they would be but I very much doubt if such particulars are available in this country. If they are the War Office would have them.
DESIROUS.—1. They should have gone to the C.O. 2. Depends on what they had been doing. 3. Not without cause. 4. Impossible to say without hearing both sides.

SPORTING.

MAC (Calderoats).—On no account deal.
THAT'S MA (Battersea).—Quite a fancy value, according to who wants them.
S. S. (Buckhaven).—It will only show that luck is more good than knowledge in racing.
W. PALMER, S.E.—I am sorry that there is nothing I can possibly offer you.
MANLY (Wellington).—I have no boxing records especially so far back, but The Sporting Life would doubtless be able to help you.
EIGHT (Moulsham).—I believe there was many years ago, but before my time, and I do not know the year.
A. D. HALLIDAY (Annan).—Better write him again, as I am certain such a trivial sum would be paid unless you are in error.
FERMANENT MANAGER.—Am sorry I have no knowledge of the facts. The Clerk of the Course at the meeting would tell you.
LOT LOGAN (Poplar).—Every advertise in the sporting papers or watch their columns when you will see that trainers are very frequently selling training for light lads as apprentices.
F. HUNT (Balham).—I cannot realise why you deal with such people, who circularise indiscriminately and never mean to pay anybody. Why not deal on the Settling Room at Aldershot?
H. E. SHEPPARD (Bristol).—I note with surprise what you say, but cannot see how I can improve upon it, other either a standing custom which it probably is, or the regulations of the executive.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

ERNEST (Broad-st).—Of those you mention I prefer the Triumph.
X. Leyton.—I have no experience of the device, but from the pamphlet you send it does not appear to be of any practical utility.
AVENUE (High Wycombe).—If you write to Hampton & Son, Holborn, you will probably get it. Your answer must be behind the times.
2618 (Southwick).—I do not think it good for the tyres by any means, but it will not do them any immediate harm.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

WEIGHTS.—Glues pans should be used; easier to clean.
SOLUTION.—We advise you to make up a small quantity of the soda solution so as not to keep it on hand too long.

NATURAL HISTORY.

W. WOODFORD.—Have handed your letter to "Chanticleer" ("Poultry Run"). See his reply.
MANAGER.—Keep in warm room. Give few insects if you give to help pet.
H. SMITH.—Thanks for card. Glad you were interested.
NODYOU.—Spray bird with solution of quassia and add a little nitre to the water.
MRS LYME.—Send 1/-d. to Editor for "People" of May 17, 1907. Long article appeared then on gold fish.
TORTOISE.—Give water. Feed on cabbage leaves, lettuce, dandelions, grass, and like. Try bread and milk; some will take to it.
WAFFY.—Feed on raw fish and meat. Boil milk, add pinch of salt, give every other morning after night's feed, until four doses have been given: Satonin, 1 grain; calomel, ½ grain. Powder can easily be dropped on back of tongue.

FINANCIAL.

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VA BENE (Mayfair).—A sound society, I believe.
L. L. (Birmingham).—1. Hold. 2 Average.
INVESTOR (Grimsby).—Have no dealings.
BRITAIN (Oxford).—There is no cause for anxiety. As an investment the shares are all right.
RED LION (Great Harford).—A fair industrial risk. No. 4 are a good purchase.
W. L. (Feltham).—Cannot recommend the purchase.
EIGHT-DAY CLOCK (Oxford).—A mining gamble without much prospect.
GRACE (Stratford).—I do not recommend. Place the money with the Birkbeck.
GOOD MARKETS (Maidenhead).—Nos 2 and 3 are the most hopeful on your list.
H. T. (Glasgow).—London and Paris Exchange, or St. Kevier, 29, Threadneedle-st, E.C.
CAIRO (Bristol).—The bond appears to be in order, but you paid more than the market price.
BRITISH (Cranwal).—Prospects reported on the Utah Binghams are very encouraging. Hold the shares.
G. W. G. (Stamford Hill).—I should certainly regard the first as an investment. With regard to second query, see reply to "Nervous."
DEPOSITS (East Ravensdale).—I recommend the Birbeck Bank. Have nothing to do with the other.
C. M. C. (Gateshead).—The company does not seem able to increase its business. Hold for the present, however. I think you will get a recovery in the price.
MEDIUM (Dendforth).—There are many reputable outside brokers who buy and sell for clients honestly. These are quite distinct from the bucket-shop people, who run stock against their clients, and promote blind pools, in which the public usually lose their money.
NERVOUS (Rayland).—Sell your Grand Trunk 4 per Cent. Guaranteed, Preference Stock, and exchange into Grand Trunk Pacific 4 per Cent. Debentures. The latter rank in front of the former, and pay 1 per cent. more than the guaranteed. Other readers who hold Guaranteed should adopt the same plan of exchange.
SUBSCRIBER FIVE.—The PIRT (Shellarfton).—You have got into the hands of some bucket-shop keeper, who seems to be steadily draining you. Send no more money. Order him to close the stock and send you profit, if the stock shows a profit. If he declines to do so, you might consult a solicitor, but I am afraid you would only be throwing good money after bad.

MISCELLANEOUS.

STANLEY WHITE.—Please repeat inquiry.
K. H.—A dark, dull green.
JAMES BATES.—He started as a limendraper in a small way.
MRS. BLOWALL.—Your question was answered last week. Dr. Henry Maudsley, Pall Mall Club, S.W.
J. H. DAVIS.—From the civil list as retired by pension between the Crown and parliament.
CHIPS.—From May 1 to July 1, 1896. The concessions were simultaneously made to both trades.
A. CHEEK.—Dennison House, Vauxhall Bridge-rd, Westminster.
CORONER.—Not necessarily. The official for Westminster is the solicitor.
MRS. STONE.—Consult Mr. Reeves, 9, Welling-ton-st, W.C. We fear they are of little value.
THE REPROBATE.—Sorry you feel aggrieved, but we cannot undertake impossibilities.
TEMPLE BAR.—About three months. It is not safe to rely on more.
H. H. F. P.—Yes, a painter, not of much note, who died in 1861.
RICHARD KIRK (Bexley Heath).—Consult the editor of the Era, 61 to 62, Wellington-st, W.C.
KING WILLAM.—Impossible to say. Consult Mr. H. Groves, 6, Pall Mall, S.W.
MUCH WORRIED.—His address is 5, Clement's Inn, W.C.
INTERESTED.—Irish by nationality, English by birth.
EDWARD.—Write to Mr. J. Spencer, the Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
JAFFY.—Look for your answer on the "Home Page."
TIC.—Write to the Chief Commissioner, New Scotland Yard, S.W.
LE ANAN.—James Gardner, 52, High Holborn, W.C.
NULLI SECUNDUS.—Mrs. George Cornwallis West.
GOLDSACK.—Increase not yet sanctioned by Parliament.
SEPTON.—Send it in to the "Art Editor" not earlier than May 24, to reach us on Tuesday. The subject is left to your choice.
SHINY SIN.—Duke of Connaught is the Grand Master. His Majesty is the "Protector of the Craft."
SAN PEDRO.—Write

THE FEAST OF VENGEANCE

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CHAPTER XVI. (Continued).

This steamer was a comfortable vessel of about eight hundred tons, which he had contrived to buy on the Tuesday when he had passed through after his flying visit to Paris. He had paid an exorbitant figure for her, but, he now reflected, as he glanced up and down her broad spotless deck, he was worth it—worth double, indeed, if she safely rode the seas to San Francisco, whither they were bound. There were none but friends on board. Beside the crew, there were Dr. Elkington, Nurse Dale, and the manservant, who had been with Jacob Mosenbroke for years; and that was all.

Dr. Elkington was the man who had burst in upon Mosenbroke at the hotel on Saturday. He had once enjoyed a fair practice in London, but had been forced to beat a hasty retreat from England on account of some shady transaction in which he had been mixed up.

Jacob Mosenbroke had come upon him in the gay Monaco town not long since, at a moment when ruin was staring the once-respectable medico in the face. He had helped him, and made a note of his name and address for future reference.

Not long afterwards, in fact, not twelve hours, he had sent for him; and from that moment James Elkington's hitherto empty pockets were full.

Like the man he was serving, he was almost conscienceless.

Not even the sight of Dolores' terrified face, nor the sound of her pitiful, pleading voice had power to move him; and when he came up from her cabin he merely shrugged his shoulders.

"She's a bit crazy," he remarked casually as he strolled up to Mosenbroke, "and if she gets an opportunity she'll do something desperate—throw herself overboard or something of the sort. However, she's safe enough for the present. I've given her another hypodermic, and looked round carefully to see that there were no knives or hat-pins or anything for her to play tricks with!"

"I suppose I'd better not show myself just yet?" muttered Mosenbroke, impatiently.

"You will certainly be wiser to remain out of her room till she calms down," was the rejoinder.

"And when the devil will that be, I'd like to know!"

"Well—one can never tell. She's a hard case, Mosenbroke. She's not like the ordinary run of women."

"If she were, do you think I'd be doing mad things like this to get her?" inquired the other. "Not I! No, Elkington, Dolores isn't like other girls. She's a cut above 'em—even though she did go and marry Aynescombe on the sly!"

"Well," said the other, "of course, you know your own business best, Mosenbroke. But in my opinion there's no woman existing worth what you've risked and are risking for this one."

As he spoke he let his gaze dwell on the money-lender's face. He did not like Mosenbroke. He served him for money's sake alone, and he would not have hesitated to betray him if by doing so he could have secured for himself an easy, luxurious future.

Mosenbroke's character was not unlike his own in many respects. It was principally made up of selfishness; but whereas his own face mirrored little of the trait, Mosenbroke's every feature proclaimed it.

Throughout the Jew's career not a desire had passed unsatisfied, and the order it was to fulfil those desires, no more did he try to succeed.

He had wanted Dolores from the first, and he had got her. And what matter that he had had to pay a bigger price than he had ever paid for anything before?

Some day, when time had smoothed things down and made it safe, he might venture to return to England. Meanwhile, a sojourn in another hemisphere would not hurt him, and on board there was nearly a million of money in bright golden coins and crisp bank notes safely stowed away in an iron safe.

Elkington was aware of the fact. He pondered a good deal on that money, especially in the depths of the night when he lay in his bunk. It kept him awake for hours at a time. There was something fascinating about the thought that a vast fortune in hard cash was reposing so near him.

"What do you suppose Capt. Aynescombe will do now?" he asked Mosenbroke.

"All that a man can do without money," replied the other. "And without money he can't do much. Of course, we'll have to take care. But it won't be easy for him to find out where I've taken his wife!"

"They'll cable to all the American ports," observed Elkington.

"Let them. They can't have me arrested for eloping with another man's wife—at least, not by English law."

"But the——other?" said Elkington, mysteriously.

"Oh — the other?" Mosenbroke smiled as he sent a puff of smoke curling upward. "I don't fancy they'll have enough evidence for me to worry what they'll do about the other. Mrs. Despard can't swear to anything. She didn't see me take Tregaskis into my room. I've got the only important witness here along with me."

The doctor strolled off to the other end of the deck.

An idea was fostering within him—an idea which had flitted into his mind on two nights in succession, to be as quickly banished.

It was taking stronger hold of him now, however, and he wanted to be alone to weigh it out carefully.

Since his downfall, this man had become one of the worst types of criminals. There was little or none of the "honour-among-thieves" in his nature.

He summed up his present position. Here he was, the paid servant of a scoundrel; at that scoundrel's beck and call, to be ordered here, there, everywhere; and he must not complain so long as his pockets were full.

Jacob Mosenbroke was taking him to America. Once having arrived there, his, Elkington's, services would no longer be required. What guarantee, then, had he that Mosenbroke would not give him the slip and leave him to do the best he could for himself in that unfamiliar land?

He had no guarantee.

An inner voice argued: "Why let a magnificent opportunity slide through your fingers? The hour is yours, if you but choose to take it. If any accident happens to Jacob Mosenbroke, you alone know the contents of his

Dr. Elkington.

safe, and what would be easier than to make the contents of that safe your own property?"

He thought of the girl who was lying below helplessly sleeping the sleep he had forced upon her.

If an accident were to happer to Mosenbroke, she would be free; and if he, Elkington, were to give her the means to return home, should he not be doing a good action?

He liked to meditate on it thusly. It was always comforting to feel that one might be doing good to others while benefiting one's own self. It provided a salve for the remnant of conscience remaining to him!

All that afternoon and evening, he continued to develop the new idea.

During this time, Dolores lay under the spell of morphia.

It was five hours before she awoke, and then her cabin was pitch dark.

The waves were thundering against the port-holes. She could hear the wind howling, and the little steamer was rolling and pitching as each fresh wave lifted her on high.

Overhead the sailors were rushing to and fro on the deck. Now and then the shout of a command was distinguishable amid the noise.

She called out, but no one answered her. Finding the electric switch, she turned on the light and sat up in bed.

What had happened since the woman who called herself Mrs. Dale had left her? She began to exert her memory. A strange man who had announced himself as a doctor had come in and spoken to her. She had made an appeal to him, as to Mrs. Dale, in vain.

Then the doctor had rung for Mrs. Dale, and the latter had held her down while the former had injected something into her arm.

She remembered that Mrs. Dale had remained, endeavouring to soothe her. Then the drowsiness which she could fight no longer had conquered, and she knew no more.

And all the while she was being borne further and further away from her mother and Tony, all she held dear in life! She was with Jacob Mosenbroke—in the power of the wickedest man she knew, and she was helpless.

Out there at sea in that man's boat, she was as much imprisoned as if

A man came out, brushed quickly past her.

iron bars surrounded her. The knowledge tortured her almost to the point of insanity.

With a sudden new spirit of strength she got out of her bed and dressed herself; then opening the door she ran out.

For a second she paused, looking uncertainly up and down the narrow ill-lit passage in which she found herself.

With difficulty she kept her balance, for the ship was rocking terribly, and she felt dizzy and sick. But after a minute or two, will lent her the power to proceed; and she went along the passage with but one thought—to find the Captain and throw herself on his mercy.

Before she had staggered a dozen steps she came to a door.

Was it the door of the captain's cabin? She asked herself the question, being entirely ignorant of the plan of a boat.

Above, the howl and racket and creaking continued, and suddenly in the midst of it there came the report of a gun.

Dolores started, for it had seemed quite close to her. In her fear she clutched the door-handle and turned it.

At the same instant a man came out, brushed quickly past her, and disappeared along the passage.

She had not seen his face. She did not even wonder who the man was, for something else had arrested her attention.

In horrified amazement, she peered into the cabin, and took a step forward.

Jacob Mosenbroke lay huddled up on the floor beside a great iron safe. Beside him, near his right hand, was a revolver.

A cry came to her lips. A thought flashed like lightning into her brain. It was the realisation—the instinctive knowledge that Jacob Mosenbroke had been murdered by the man who had just brushed past her.

But before a second thought could form itself, and while she was still staring down, a hand was placed on her shoulder.

"Great heaven!" said a hoarse voice—Dr. Elkington's voice—"Mrs. Mosenbroke, what in the name of all that's holy have you done?"

She turned. Her great eyes were full of an unspeakable terror that kept her silent.

"You've killed him," said the man, pointing to the body. "My God! You've done for him!"

For Dolores that moment was the epitome of all the horrible sensations she had experienced in the course of her young, eventful life.

Opening her bloodless lips she tried to speak.

Dr. Elkington bent over Jacob Mosenbroke's body.

"Yes," he muttered. "He's dead—there's no mistake about that!"

Suddenly Dolores swung round, her one idea being to escape from the scene.

The man was too quick for her, however, and caught her arm again in a steel-like grip.

"Oh, no, that will never do!" he said, as she struggled to free herself. "You've got to be taken pretty good care of—after this! I was a cursed fool not to lock you in, for I knew well enough you'd do for your husband at the first opportunity."

"Let me go!" screamed the girl. "Let me go!"

"Keep quiet—there, calm yourself. Poor girl! You can't realise what you've done, anyhow. Keep quiet and I'll think what I can do!"

"I didn't kill him!" she cried. "Though I'm glad he's dead, I didn't kill him."

"Homicidal mania," muttered the doctor, as if thinking aloud. "Yes, I wasn't wrong in my diagnosis. This proves it."

Dolores gave another frantic struggle. Elkington, still holding her, leaned over to try and close the cabin door.

In doing so he lost the best part of his balance, and in a final, almost super-human, effort the girl freed herself and sent him staggering back.

She was out in the passage before he could draw a full breath.

Mad with fear, she rushed along, whither she knew not, excepting that she was fleeing from the ugly, meagre-faced man who had accused her of murder, and who had stated that she was insane.

Coming to a small square space she found some stairs. Up these she flew rather than ran, holding on to anything she could to keep herself from falling.

When she reached the top she gave a hurried look around her. There were doors to the right and left of her, doors (only she did not know it) that led to the decks. But they were closed.

Rushing to one of them she tried to open it. But it was securely fastened, and she could not even turn the big brass ring that formed the handle.

In her extremity she screamed out.

"Help! Help!" she cried, clinging to the ring.

Behind her, leaping up the stairs, was Elkington.

She saw him as she turned, and again repeated her agonised scream.

"It's no use," said the man, gaining her side. "No one will hear you through this storm. You might stand there and call all night long."

But even as the words left him, the door she had tried to open was pushed in, a violent blast of wind came rushing through, and a man entered, shutting the door after him.

He was a big, muscular fellow, wrapped from head to foot in oilskins from which the wet was pouring down. His face was red and storm-swept; his beard was covered in flakes of snow.

Dolores did not wait to ask who he was.

"Oh, save me, save me!" she cried, looking at him piteously. "Save me from this man!"

"Captain—Mrs. Mosenbroke got out of her cabin somehow," put in Elkington, in a low, hurried, confidential voice, "and as usual she's—well, a bit excited—you understand? But this time I'm afraid she's gone a bit beyond herself."

The captain smiled—a kind, pitying sort of smile.

"You're all right, Mrs. Mosenbroke," he said soothingly. "The doctor's not going to hurt you. Now be a sensible little woman, and do what he tells you."

"But you don't know!" gasped the wretched girl. "He has accused me of murder, and oh, God! it isn't true, it isn't true."

"Oh, come," began the captain.

"Jacob Mosenbroke has been shot," she went on breathlessly; "but I didn't do it. It was some man. I saw him come out just after the shot. Oh, save me—help me!"

"Mr. Mosenbroke — shot!" The captain's smile faded into a startled expression.

Elkington met his questioning eyes.

"Yes," said the doctor. "I'm afraid it's serious. I was just going to bed when I heard the report of a gun. I ran along to Mosenbroke's room, where the noise seemed to come from, and I found this unfortunate girl standing by the body, the revolver still in her hand."

"My God! I wonder you're not afraid to lie like that!" cried Dolores, looking him straight in the face. "Let go of my arm you—you coward!"

What the captain would have said was never known, for ere the words could pass his lips, the door opened, another blast of wind sent them all nearly off their feet, and a hoarse voice roared out something.

Neither Dolores nor the man who held her understood the whole phrase. The word "rocks" alone was distinguishable to them.

In a breath the captain had gone.

As he vanished into the darkness and the wind, Elkington's grip on Dolores' arm loosened, and he, too, fled out.

Dolores held on to the rail by the wall and tried to collect her thoughts.

The door had been left open, and the fury of the storm came in upon her, tossing her fair hair wildly over her face and shoulders, and rendering it almost impossible for her to stand.

What was happening? Why had the captain and the doctor rushed out like that? What had that sailor said?

Before she could think out an answer the yacht gave a violent lurch, there was an awful grinding crash, and Dolores fell across the top of the gangway, striking her head against the hard floor.

Someone seemed to step over her, then someone else. She heard, as

"Save me from this man."

from afar, the voice of Mrs. Dale shrieking and men shouting.

There came another crashing, grinding noise, and a dull, violent thud.

Then silence and darkness swept over her, and she knew no more.

CHAPTER XVII.

In the gardens of the Villa d'Or, a white-haired man sat gazing out over the glass-like bay.

Two days had passed since he had been brought there by the pale-faced, handsome young officer whose name was Anthony Aynescombe, who had found him almost starving in the pleasure grounds at Nice. And now he was thrust into every conceivable kind of luxury, to which he had been told he was legally entitled.

It was like some exquisite dream, and yet there was reality in it—for everyone in this beautiful villa knew and seemed to love him; they called him by a name which came naturally and easily from their lips—and the dog answered to the mere uplifting of his finger as only a dog that he himself had trained could do.

Was it all true, then? Was he Sir Gavin Tregaskis, a famous counsel and prospective President of the Divorce Court? Did he own this villa, a house in London, a shooting-box in Scotland, and all the other sundries that only wealth could give?

He sighed. If only everything did not seem so strange to him, so like a chapter from the "Arabian Nights"!

If only he could remember something beyond those wretched few days in Nice when he had wandered about the streets, homeless, friendless, penniless!

But he could not. The past was still a blank, and nothing his kind friends could do or say was of any avail.

Many people had come to the Villa d'Or during those two eventful days—men who vowed they were old pals, and women who had talked to him, so they said, on the very night he had disappeared. But he knew none of them, and their efforts to help him to remember only left him tired and despairing.

Would it be so always, he wondered. Must those bygone years be ever dead? Must he begin life all over again?

They had stated that he had been a shining light in the legal world. Yet

"Has he some secret trouble?"

now he was as ignorant of the law as he was of anything else connected with his past. He could read and write, and he copied Sir Gavin Tregaskis' signature with ease. But beyond that, he knew no more than a child!

Looking up from the dog at his feet, he saw Anthony Aynescombe coming from the verandah.

"My ward," the man thought, "and a nice fellow, too. But what makes him look so ill? Has he some secret trouble?"

(To be Continued.)

After being missing a month, a Bolton tradesman, named Thos. Andrews, 52, has been found dead, with his throat cut and a razor by his side, in a reservoir. He had had two attacks of influenza, it was stated at the inquest.

RUNAWAY TRAMCAR.

BOURNEMOUTH INQUEST RESUMED.

The Bournemouth borough coroner resumed the inquest on the bodies of the seven persons killed in the recent tramway accident. Maj. J. W. Pringle, of the Board of Trade, was present as an assessor to assist the coroner, and Mr. J. O'Connor, M.P., represented Driver Wilton, who, he stated, was too unwell to be present. —The coroner remarked that there would simply be a general inquiry into the cause of death, but so far as he knew there was no criminal negligence of any kind. Any recommendations as to the safeguarding of the public in future, or affecting tramway construction, would be dealt with in the report of the Board of Trade. —Interesting evidence was given, however, as to the condition of the brakes, and questions put as to the admitted fact that one of the magnetic shoes was known not to be working before the accident.

The Brake Power.

—Mr. Ignatius Bulfin, borough electrical engineer, described the brakes after the accident. They consisted of ordinary hand brakes, which could be put on either by the driver or the conductor, and a magnetic brake, coupled with that being the Rheostatic brake. After the accident he found the whole of these brakes intact, with the exception of No. 1 left-hand magnetic, the shoe of which was missing.—Replying to Maj. Pringle, witness said the hand brakes were in working order, but the handles of the controllers of the electric brakes were not in the right position to use the magnetic brake. The magnetic brake was not working when the car came off, judging from the position of the handles. There was no other brake available at the time of the accident but the hand brake.—Maj. Pringle: What had the driver to do depend on for brake power?—Witness: Simply on the hand brake and the hand brake and the hand brake only.—Was that sufficient? It was sufficient if not allowed to get too high.

Driver Did His Best.

—Replying to the town clerk, witness said he believed the driver did all he could to put on the brake power, and used his utmost resources. In so doing he might have put the handles of the controller in the position which witness found them. He did not think the loss of the fourth brake shoe would have any material effect upon the other three, and he would not have hesitated to allow a car to go down the hill with three instead of four shoes.—Maj. Pringle: Does it reduce the drag? 25 per cent.—Taking into consideration the gradients, should all equipment be in perfect order? Yes, sir.—Then it is better to have four shoes than three? Yes. —Mr. Cecil Barber, traffic manager, agreed with Mr. Bulfin that the magnetic brake at the time of the accident was inoperative, but the hand-brake was in perfect order, and had been applied to the full extent. The hand-brake would control the car on the route in question at a reasonable speed.

A Practical Experiment.

If the men lost time they did not suffer pecuniary loss when they gave reasonable excuse. "They are instructed to endeavour to make up lost time, but in doing so to keep to the Board of Trade scheduled speed." He had since made an experiment with an unloaded car down the gradient of one in 12, and at a speed of 15 to 20 miles an hour, the car, with only hand-brake, pulled up in less than 40 yards.—Maj. Pringle: Has this car a bad record? No, sir. Many of the men have a liking for it.—The hand-brakes of the car were examined on the night before the accident, and the controllers on the previous Wednesday. Witness did not agree that the absence of the fourth shoe reduced the drag 25 per cent.

Why the Car Ran Away.

—Mr. Barber gave the results of the tests of two cars running with four and three magnetic brake shoes respectively under similar conditions as at the time of the accident. With three shoes the car was pulled up in 84ft. 3in., on an average; and with four shoes, in 80ft. 10in. Asked for his opinion of the cause of the car running away, witness said the rear controller having become deranged unknown to the driver, it would have no effect when he applied his brake handle in order to put on the magnetic brake as usual.—Pressed by Mr. O'Connor as to whether everything did not point to the driver having done everything possible to stop the car, witness said in his opinion he did not apply the hand brake until a short time before the derailment. Pressed farther, he admitted the driver did his best in the circumstances.—The inquest was adjourned until May 27.

CHILD'S BODY IN A GARDEN.

A serious charge was preferred at Brentford against Elish. Overton, 44, a married woman, of Heath-rd., Hounslow, in connection with the discovery of the body of a newly-born child found in a garden at the rear of 9, Dove's-cottages, Hanworth-rd., Hounslow. Insp. Knell, C. I. D., said he arrested accused at her house late on the previous night. When told she would be charged with performing an illegal operation accused denied all knowledge of the person referred to. Witness found several instruments and a quantity of drugs at the house.—Remanded in custody.

MAN WITH ECZEMA

On Chest, Back and Head—Pain, Heat and Tingling Were Excruciating—Sleep Badly Broken—Cure by Cuticura Seemed Like Magic.

"Four months ago an eruption broke out on my daughter's chest. The first symptom was a redness, and then followed thickening and blisters, which would break and run matter. I took her to a doctor, and he pronounced it to be eczema of a very bad form. He treated her, but the disease spread. It showed itself on her back, and then quickly spread upwards until the whole of her head was affected, and all her hair had to be cut off. The pain she suffered was excruciating, and what with that and the heat and tingling her life was almost unbearable. She became run down in health, and at times was very feverish, languid and drowsy, and occasionally she was delirious. Her nerves were in such a low state that she could not bear to be left alone. She did not have a proper hour's sleep for many nights. The second doctor we tried afforded her just as little relief as the first. Then I purchased Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, and before the Ointment was three-quarters finished every trace of the disease was gone. It really seemed like magic. Her hair is coming on nicely, and I still apply the Cuticura Ointment as I find it increases the growth wonderfully."—Mrs. T. W. Hyde, 1, Cogar Place, Brentwood, Essex, Eng., Mar. 8, 1907."—(Advt.)

WEEK'S ANECDOTES.

AN EXCEPTION.

"Your husband dresses very quietly, doesn't he?" remarked one lady to another. "Well," was the response, "not always. You should have heard him this morning when he couldn't find a collar-stud."

NOT A WORD.

Magistrate: What is the charge against you this time?—Prisoner: They cotched me a stealing oranges, yer worship. — Magistrate: Didn't I tell you when you were here before not to steal anything mere?—Prisoner: No, yer worship, you said not to steal any more lemons, but yer didn't say a word about oranges.

HONOURS EASY.

It was at a theatre in Manchester. The King, aged and infirm, was blessed with two sons. He was pacing up and down the stage, with a wearied, troubled look exclaiming aloud: "On which of these my sons shall I bestow the crown?" Immediately came a voice from the gallery, "Why not 'arf a crown apiece, guv'nor?"

A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

Two Scotsmen were once going home very drunk together, and the one said to the other: "Weel, Donald, we've had a beautiful day, but what bothers me is that I canna remember what like the bride was."—"Whist, man," said his friend, "it wisna a merriage, it wis a funeral."

PATIENT JOHN.

John and Mary had been sharing one chair all the evening. John sat on the chair and Mary sat on John. After about three hours of this, Mary suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, John, aren't you tired?" John smiled a brave, patient smile. "Not now," he said gently. "No, not now. I was about an hour ago, but now I'm only paralysed!"

OUT.

Bronzed by foreign suns, he entered the office of his colleague, but the cashier's chair was vacant.—"Is Mr. Smith out?" he asked anxiously. "I am an old friend of his."—"No, sir," returned the clerk. "Mr. Smith is not out. He won't be out for ten years." Here the clerk smiled grimly. "The firm is out, though," he went on, "£15,000 exactly."

A BADDAD.

I caddot sigg the ode soggs
I sang so logg ago,
Because I have a bad code—
My dose is stobbed up so.
Dovebber widds are blowing dow;
By dose is blowigg, too;
I caddot sigg the ode soggs
As once I used to do;
I caddot sigg de ode songs——
Oh, dab this code. A-a-atchoo!

THE ALTERNATIVE.

A clergyman was censuring a lady for tight-lacing. "Well," replied she, "would

you recommend loose habits to your parishioners?"

MAKING FOR HOME.

A gentleman who hailed from Australia came to St. Andrews for a three months' holiday. He had a very faint idea how to play golf. Engaging a caddie, he proceeded to go round the course. When driving the first tee he knocked his ball about five yards, and after this he could not take a drive without lifting turf. His caddie became irritated, and said, "Hi, sir, whar did ye learn to play golf?" The gentleman said, "In Australia." "Weel, sir, if ye gang on in the way ye're daein' ye'll soon be hame."

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST.

They were a group of sporting men, and were unable to raise a sovereign between them. One at a time they presented themselves at the paddock gate. "I am the owner of Starlight," the first said. He was well dressed and imposing; they believed and passed him in. "I am Starlight's trainer," said the second. His red face and bluff manner bore out his story, and they admitted him. The third man was small and thin. "Starlight's jockey," he said, shortly, and hurried through the gate. The fourth and last man of the group was very shabby indeed. "Well, who are you?" they said, impatiently, when he presented himself. "I am Starlight," was the meek reply.

HONOURING THE BRAVE.

MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY IN SAVING LIFE.

A number of cases of brave action in saving or attempting to save life from drowning have been investigated by the Royal Humane Society. The principal awards were: Bronze medal to Capt. John Dauncey, 2nd Batn. Dorset Regt., for his gallantry in saving a native servant, whose boat capsized 150 yards from shore at Cannanore, Madras, on Feb. 11 last. Medal to Lieut. A. R. G. Willock, Royal Indian Marine, for plunging overboard in the Manbin Creek, Burma, on Feb. 14, and rescuing a man of the East Yorkshire Regt., who had fallen from the steamer Irrawaddy. Medal to John R. Denton, Claremont-avenue, Leeds, for his pluck in jumping overboard from the s.s. Arnia, off Mogador, Morocco, on Feb. 24, and attempting to save a steward, who in a fit of insanity threw himself from the ship, there being a high sea with heavy squalls.

GALLANT DUTCHMEN.

The committee of Lloyd's have bestowed the bronze medal of the society upon the master and crew of six of the Dutch fishing boat Vijf Gebroeders as an honorary acknowledgment of their extraordinary exertions in saving life from the wreck of the schooner Doris, of Padstow, which sank near Flushing in December last, one of the crew being drowned. The Doris struck on a sandbank during very stormy weather, the crew having to take to the rigging. The Dutch open fishing boat made efforts in the evening to save the crew of the Doris, but was unsuccessful, owing to the very heavy surf. The fishermen, however, went out again during the night, making several attempts, and finally, in spite of being nearly swamped, managed, at the risk of their lives, to rescue three of the crew by means of lines, the remaining member of the crew being afterwards got off by the lifeboat.

VITAL ENERGY.

HOW TO GET AND KEEP IT.

Do you feel that you have all the energy, the vital force, the sparkling flush of good health that should naturally be yours? Or are you often obliged to admit that you do not really feel as bright and energetic as you would like to feel? And do you know that good digestion is the very foundation of good health, while indigestion is the source of a hundred bodily aches and weaknesses?

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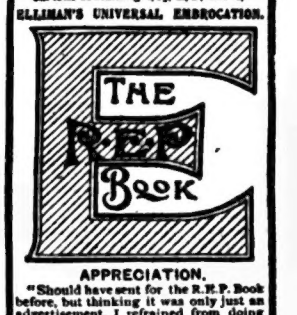

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

COVENT CARDEN OPERA.

SIGNOR ZENATELLO'S RETURN.

One always thinks of Signor Zenatello in association with Signor Samaroo, for the two young singers began to make their reputation at Covent Garden together and although as events have turned out, we have heard more of the baritone than the tenor in recent seasons. Those who delight in a beautiful voice and intelligent acting always keep a warm corner in their hearts for Signor Zenatello. He may have something of the defects of his qualities as we were reminded on Friday night when he made his rentrée in "Pagliacci," for it might be said that in Canio's great scena he rather overdid the passionate side of the mummers nature, and descended to sentimentality. But, after all one would rather have a suggestion of excess of feeling than the too frequent experience in opera of no feeling at all, and with so magnificent a voice as Signor Zenatello possesses he is always sure of hearty appreciation at Covent Garden. He received it in abundant measure on Friday night. In "Cavalleria Rusticana" Signor Marak, who was the Turidda, confirmed the already good impression made. His rendering of the drinking song was a notable effort.

Needless to say, there was a crowded audience for "Rigoletto," the magic name of Tetrazzini being associated with the cast. The great Florentine soprano has before been heard in the rôle of Gilda, and it is hardly necessary now to do more than record a characteristic triumph. Her singing of "Caro Nome" was, of course, a vocal joy, and her acting throughout revealed that intelligence which is so striking an attribute of her stage work. The singers with a powerful histrionic sense are so rare that one may be excused for dwelling so constantly on the acting abilities of Mme. Tetrazzini. Mr. John McCormack's Duke was a capital performance, quite the best he has yet given. As for the jester of Signor Sammaroo it was, as ever, alike in its dramatic suggestion and its vocal skill, a little short of a masterpiece. Signor Campanini as conductor is deserving of special praise.

HAYMARKET.

"GETTING MARRIED."

"The talk of the lips is foolishness," and that sums up in a word the farrago of paradox Mr. Bernard Shaw lets loose upon the playgoing public in his latest stage deliverance, "Getting Married," set forth by its author as a "conversation"—its more exact definition should be a wrangle — and couched, moreover, in such unbridled terms regarding the ethical relations of the sexes as certainly place the piece in the category of those of his plays Mr. Shaw himself has specially earmarked as "unpleasant." Marriage is persistently denounced as a sin, immoral, brutish and degrading, by an Anglican cleric, unchecked, in the statement by his easy-going bishop, who, avowing himself to be "avocato diabolo," blandly asserts that it is only right to give the devil his due by letting him state his own case, this strangely heterodox Dignity of the Church has assembled around him in the old kitchen of his Norman Palace a smart set. Prominent among the party is a society lady, who, in plain, undisguised phrase, abjures marriage because it leads to motherhood, and also disgusts her because she has to live with a man. Another of the Right Reverend's friends is a middle-aged husband, who rates his young wife's lover to his face for not paying sufficient attention to his lady. The bishop's daughter, averse to become a bride, locks her chamber door and refuses to attend her own wedding, the reason assigned by her through the keyhole being that she is too deeply interested in reading a treatise against marriage to fulfil the promise of her own. The bridegroom, for his part, is quite as ready to cry off, and he does so accordingly. Another wedded dame of the prelate's set frankly avows herself to his lordship as being the "Incognita" of certain amorous epistles addressed to him. The confession is unrebuked. Assured of her irresistible fascinations, the same married lady exercises them in turn, first by coquetting with a lay admirer, then with the afore-mentioned ascetical clerical celibate. Nobody thinks of taking umbrage at these moral aberrations. Later on, in the course of the three hours' "conversation" of weary talk, talk, talk, while nothing whatever is done, the same lady, without cause or reason given to account for the operation, is hypnotised, apparently for the sole purpose of giving Mr. Shaw a mouthpiece during her unconscious trance of his own notions of what marriage ought to be—a state, as she defines it, from which passion should be eliminated, the wife living as expander of her husband's mental methods instead of being his helpmeet as housewife, a position described as degrading to her.

The bishop not only listens to, but joins in, the wrangle carried on with one woman wanting children without a husband, and another desirous of having two husbands but no offspring. Out of this tedious gallimaufry of paradox, setting at naught and reversing not only the elemental laws of nature, but those evolved by the wisdom of mankind through the ages to regulate and sanctify the sexes and safeguard their offspring—over this jumble of characters Mr. Shaw, the will-o'-th'-wisp of the modern stage, has meandered in the elusive marsh light of his mind, leaving nothing when the gleam goes out at curtain fall but a confused consciousness of malarious glare.

The grotesque perversions of humanity, as seen distorted and askance through the oblique strabismus of the Shaw mental vision, were enduced with life, though scarcely with interest, by the dramatic talent of the players. Mr. Arnley as the sleek Bishop, Mr. Holman Clark as his smug butler, waiting on the guests lectured by him in his municipal rôle as an alderman, Mr. Chas. Fulton as a blatant British general, and Mr. Robert Loraine as a self-proclaimed snob these, with the women, saved from the offence of their free and unabashed utterances, by the grace, tact, and personal refinement of such accomplished players as Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Beryl Faber, and Miss Marie Lohr, did all possible by their art to save the performance from the dulness which, finally settling upon it, left the audience depressed.

APOLLO.

"BUTTERFLIES."

Exit "The Palace of Puck," enter the gay and irresponsive creatures who constitute the new musical play, "Butterflies" a version of Mr. W. J. Locke's fantastic comedy seen last year at the Haymarket. "Butterflies" is practically "The Palace of Puck" rewritten by the author to fit the requirements of the play with music, and, as is always the case with these transations, it is best to obliterate the impression of the one for the immediate enjoyment of the other. Without a doubt, Mr. Locke's comedy in its present guise makes for a gay and merry entertainment, and visitors to the Apollo will have no legitimate reason to complain of the fare offered, or of the manner of its serv-

MISS ADA REEVE.

ing. There is an amusing story, there is music of a very melodious and excellent kind by a comparatively new composer, Mr. J. Robertson, and dances with which all and everyone must be delighted. And there is a band of clever artists headed by Miss Ada Reeve, each one doing his or her level best—and succeeding—to please.

There is Mr. Louis Bradfield making a welcome re-entré as Widgery Blake, the Puck who lives in the French chateau, and endeavours to smooth the crooked paths of the many lovers who accept his generous hospitality. There is Mr. Hayden Coffin as Max Ruadore singing in his own particularly artistic way, and making love with all his approved gallantry of manner, and Mr. Albert de Freece full of humorous doings and sayings as the Podmores' chauffeur. Then there are the Podmores themselves, who, owing to various contingencies, are compelled to shelter with the hospitable Blake and his Bohemian companions. Mr. and Mrs. Podmore, by the way, are impersonated very cleverly by Mr. Fred Edwards and Miss Stella St. Audree.

As Rodanthe, the witch whose vivacity and charms win all hearts, even the prudish Podmores, Miss Ada Reeve is appropriately the life and soul of "Butterflies." One of the successes of the opening night was her song, "Morals," in which well-known lines are given a new meaning. Either alone or in association with her companions, Miss Reeve has other good things to sing, such as the trio, "Three Blind Mice"—which had to be repeated—and a melodious duet, "Many Years Ago." Encored too was Mr. Bradfield's "Girl with the Clocks" ditty, in which he had the assistance of some very lively dancers. "Butterflies" makes a capital after-dinner entertainment, with its pretty music, pretty girls, pretty story, and pretty scenes.

KING'S.

"BILLY ROTTERFORD'S DESCENT."

Mr. Robert Lascelles, in his new farce, "Billy Rotterford's Descent," which Mr. Weedon Grossmith has just presented at the King's, Hammersmith, hints at a good deal of exciting adventure—he lays two of his scenes in the Caucasus—but the actual descent which Billy accomplishes at the hands of brigands in the mountains is a more thrilling incident than the appellation farce prepares us for. Billy Rotterford, the spendthrift millionaire's son, is called a good-natured fool. He is either a fool or a brave man, for to have one's life in jeopardy for two months while the captive of a bloodthirsty brigand band, and to show neither fear nor apprehension, needs the ignorance of the one or the courage of the other. Billy is deep in debts, which his father refuses to pay.

A visit to the Caucasus with the millionaire and his wife is planned, and a friend arranges a capture by brigands during the stay. Billy is to be carried off and held prisoner until the father pays up a handsome ransom, which cantors and captive are to share. An easy way, it is thought, of untying pa's purse-strings, but Billy's situation becomes desperate when Rotterford père refuses to acquiesce. Billy's life is to pay the forfeit, and, after a screamingly funny scene, the desperadoes hurl him over the rocks into a terrible abyss. A way of escape, however, presents itself, and when Billy turns up in Mayfair unhurt, his debts are settled by the millionaire. It was all very amusing, and Mr. Weedon Grossmith, as the imperturbable Billy, played with his accustomed clever humour. Miss Madge Titheradge was picturesque as the Chieftain's wife, Mr. Murray Carson and Mr. T. Lovell were alike excellent in their portrayals of father and friend. Mr. Hubert Carter brought distinction to the small rôle of the Brigand Chieftain.

SHAKESPEARE.

"HENRY OF LANCASTER."

It can only be supposed that "Henry of Lancaster," the play which has just been brought to London by Miss Ellen Terry at the Shakespeare Theatre, was mainly written with the object of providing a suitable part for the popular actress. This "romantic drama," by Gladys Unger, dealing with a period of English history during the wars of the Roses, owes much to the acting of Miss Ellen Terry. The play shows how Elizabeth of York falls in love with one whom she supposes to be Sir Robert Willoughby, a follower of the Red rose, but who is really Henry of Lancaster himself. It comes about that the red rose and the white are united, Richard III. is overthrown, and thus the prophesy made early in the play by a gipsy woman that when the red rose and the white are seen on the same tree, peace shall reign throughout the land, is fulfilled. As the gallant Henry, Mr. James Carew was perhaps a trifle over-heroic, but on the whole he was excellent, and Miss Ellen Terry was, of course, all that an actress could be as Elizabeth of York. Two other players are particularly deserving of mention, Mr. Frank Fenton, who gave an able rendering of Richard III., and Mr. Max Montesole, who was really amusing as Patch, a jester.

OXFORD.

When one realises how excellent is the all-round character of the programme at the Oxford it is no wonder that the audiences are uniformly large and enthusiastic. Change is the essence of the variety stage, and to the present entertainment, which includes Geo. Robey (who sends the house into convulsions as Shakspere), Harry Tate in "Fishing," the Polaski Bros., and May Mars, who sings her new number, "On the Cliffs of Normandy," the latest additions are Wilkie Bard and "Moses and Son." The former makes a welcome re-appearance. With "Zuyder Zee" and "Limericks" he manages to introduce some interesting and topical patter, which, judging by its reception, is quite to the liking of the patrons of the house. Needless to say in "Limericks" this popular comedian in promoting competitions finds a profitable venture. Nobody, in his estimation, gives a successful last line, but he pockets the sixpences. The help of a confrere in the audience adds to the amusement. "Moses and Son" introduces Fred Kitchen and a company of genuine Hebrews, to brim full of fun and wit, and would continue a great attraction for some time. The bank of Moses and Sons possesses a caretaker named Perkins (Fred Kitchen), who, unlike the general run of such servants, is humorous to a degree. The scenes in the piece give Mr. Kitchen full opportunity of bringing forth his powers as a laughter-maker.

COLISEUM.

REANO VERSUS SOUSA.

Mr. Reano, whose band is now delighting audiences at the Coliseum, is a conductor who believes in vigorous methods while wielding the bâton; indeed, he may be said to rival the great Sousa in this respect. But though his gesticulations may reach the point of antics, his musicians understand these mannerisms, and interpret his movements in a real musicianly spirit, the result being a highly finished performance. The band is equally at home with Tschaikowsky's "1812" and the "William Tell" overture as with comparative trifles. This, it should be added, is the orchestra's first variety appearance. The bandsmen are in number 30, and every man, it is said, is an Englishman born and bred. Other items in a well-balanced programme at the house in St. Martin's-lane are Karno's comedians in "A Smoking Concert," Lee and Kingston, and Anna Doherty, "the Ginger Girl."

CONCERTS.

Ysaye and Pugno are both recognised as soloists of brilliant attainments. The combination, therefore, of two such exceptional artists could only bring about the happiest of results, and those who were present at the first Ysaye and Pugno recital at Queen's Hall will long remember it for the great and rare beauty of execution. Such playing as that which distinguished the rendering of the three sonatas composing the programme is so rarely heard that it stamps the occasion as a memorable one in the annals of music, and compels the music-lover to cry out for more of this perfection of ensemble playing. In Bach's Sixth Sonata in G major, as well as in Mozart's in B flat, the rare musical insight and the quiet sense of simplicity and dignity evinced by the player brought out all the delicacy and beauty of each composer's thoughts. None the less remarkable was the playing of Schumann's work in D minor, which was full of poetic charm and feeling. Two more of these recitals, fortunately, remain to us, the first taking place to-morrow at Queen's Hall.

A very agreeable programme was that put forward by Miss Violet King at her dramatic recital at Steinway Hall. Miss King saw to it that there was no lack of variety either in her own contributions to the evening's entertainment or in that of her associates. She was heard in a number of pieces well calculated to display her prowess both in the lighter and the more dramatic demands of the art of the reciter, and acquitted herself with uniform success. Shakspere was drawn upon for a scene from "Twelfth Night," and one from "The Merchant of Venice," but perhaps her best effort was in the dramatic sketch, "A Venetian Revenge," by Saville Clarke. The recital giver, whose efforts met with enthusiastic appreciation, was assisted by Miss Evelyn Ingleton and Mr. Prosper Burnett. They played most acceptably Chopin's Polonaise for piano and 'cello, and the "Allegretto" from Rubinstein's Sonata Op. 18.

GREAT WHITE CITY.

OPENING BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Accompanied by the Princess, the Prince of Wales opened the great White City at Shepherd's Bush the second great exhibition ever held in London, and an outcome of the entente cordiale between England and France. Unfortunately the weather was extremely bad, and rain fell for the greater part of the afternoon. But the brilliance of the scene at the opening ceremony triumphed over even the pelting rain, and the Prince had a splendid reception from a huge crowd which from the balcony of the Court of Honour he declared the Franco-British Exhibition open. The Prince and Princess arrived at the Wood-lane entrance to the exhibition shortly after two o'clock, and after being received by

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were conducted to the Court of Honour, their entrance being the signal for the National Anthem, played by the massed bands of the Grenadier Guards, the Scots Guards, and the 1st Life Guards, assisted by several corps of trumpeters. The effect of this overwhelming volume of harmony was tremendous, and the waiting crowds in the rain burst into a perfect hurricane of cheers. There was a great attendance of the general public, and up to six o'clock 123,000 people passed through the turnstiles. The Prince and Princess arrived at the Wood-lane entrance of the exhibition prompt to time, at 2.15, and were saluted by a guard of honour of one of the battalions of the Guards, with their band. His Royal Highness, who was wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, and the Princess, wearing a heliotrope costume, with toque and feather boa to match, were welcomed by the reception committee in the lobby of the Wood-lane entrance. The great ceremony of the day took place as arranged in the Court of Honour, where, however, a special canopy had been provided, in view of the unsatisfactory character of the weather, and where umbrellas were much in evidence.

The Opening.

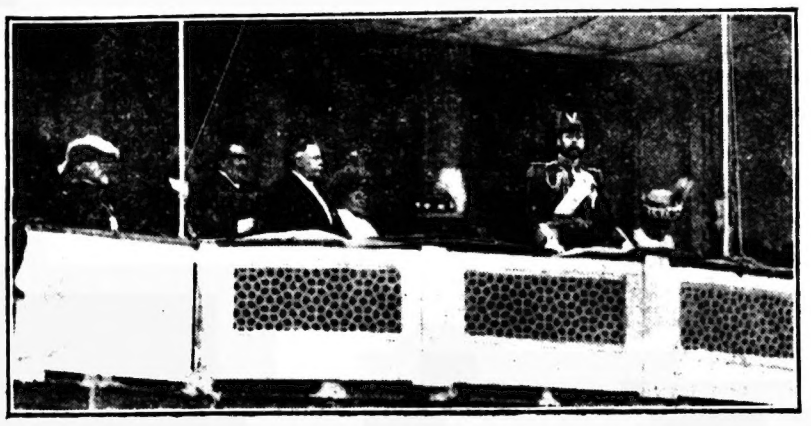
As the royal procession arrived the massed bands played the National Anthem, followed by an inspiring march, "Ich Dien," the composition of Dr. Williams, the Grenadiers bandmaster. When their Royal Highnesses, having made the circuit

THE ROYAL PAVILION.

of one side of the Court of Honour, amid loud cheering, reached the balcony of the Congress Hall, the chorus sang the "Marseillaise" with stirring effect, followed by a capital rendering of an old English madrigal. In opening the exhibition his Royal Highness's words were very brief and to the point. He said: "I hereby declare the Franco-British Exhibition open." Simultaneously the great assembly took up the National Anthem. The Duke of Argyll afterwards presented an address on behalf of the executive committee of the exhibition to the Prince.

The Royal Speech.

The Prince of Wales, replying to the address, said: "It is with much gratification that the Princess and myself are present on this occasion. We are specially glad to assist at an exhibition which is the outcome of the generous co-operation of the great nation with which we enjoy such cordial friendship. I thank the French nation for the support which they have given to the exhibition, and for the warm welcome of the French representatives. I regret it was impossible to inspect the exhibition today, but we hope to be able to revisit it. I earnestly trust that the benefit which the promoters expect from this exhibition will be realised." His Royal Highness after dwelling upon the merits of the exhibition, which he described as a beautiful creation, concluded: "May the Franco-British Exhibition encourage healthy rivalry, stimulate interchange of knowledge and ideas, strengthen the brotherhood of nations, and, in thus doing so, help on the work of civilisation and promote peace and prosperity throughout the world."



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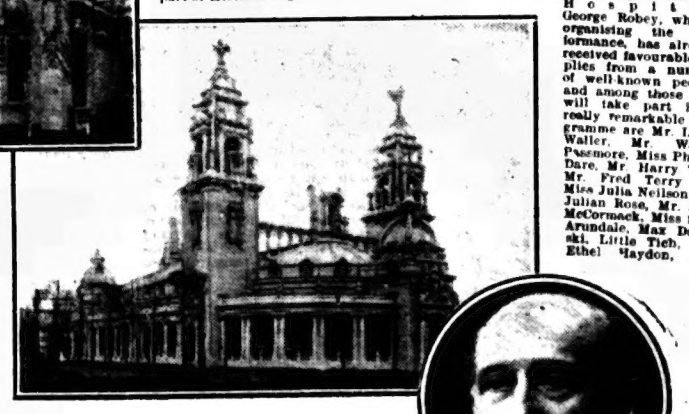

BRITISH APPLIED ARTS BUILDING.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

THEATRES.

Miss Elisaline Terriss and Mr Seymour Hicks are engaged to appear at the Palace Theatre in December.

Mr Frohman announces that at the conclusion of the run of "Peter Pan" next year at the Duke of York's Theatre he will produce Mr J. M. Barrie's "The Little Minister."

A souvenir consisting of an artistic wallet containing ten large mounted photographs of the most notable scenes and situations in Diana of Dobson's is now on sale, price 2s 6d, at the Kingsway Theatre.

Amateur Dramatic performances of "David Garrick," "The Rebs," and "Waterloo" will be given at the Court Theatre on the 29th and 30th May, in aid of the Widow and Orphan Fund of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association.

The s.s. Salsa of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. is en route from Veracruz, Mexico, to Southampton carrying about two thousand tons of exhibits for the Mexican Exhibition at the Crystal Palace. She is expected to dock about the 18th inst., and the exhibition will be formally opened during the first week in June.

At the Dalston Theatre this week there will be a return visit of Baron Harris's Number 1 Company in "The Prince of Pilsen." There are a number of "stars," chief among whom is Miss Sophie Harris, an Australian lady.

Mr. Fred Whitney, an American manager, is coming to London to bring out at the Shaftesbury Theatre after the close of Mme. Bartet's performances, an English version of M. Bourget's Parisian success, to be called "The Divorcee."

"Convict 99," a new and original melodrama, specially adapted from the story of that name which appeared in "Answers," was performed for copyright purposes at the Dalston Theatre on Friday, and will be produced at the Crown Theatre, Peckham, on June 22.

Miss Queenie Leighton is to enact the principal "boy" in the next Drury Lane pantomime. The restoration of the stage and workshops of the old house destroyed by the fire will be completed in time for the production of the new autumn drama.

Mr. Somerset Maugham's comedy, "Jack Straw," which is proving such a draw at the Vaudeville, will be shortly sent on tour by Messrs. Lionel Glenister and Wood-Ingram, who have arranged with Messrs. A. and E. Gatti for the entire provincial and suburban rights.

Since the production of "A Waltz Dream," at the Hicks Theatre, there have been additions made to the operette of Oscar Straus, and the new numbers have met with much appreciation. Mr. Oscar Straus is visiting England shortly, and may conduct the orchestra at the Hicks Theatre during his stay in London.

Mr. Tree's arrangements for the remainder of the season are as follows:—M. Coquelin will be the guest of His Majesty's Theatre for four weeks from June 15; the present run of "The Merchant of Venice" will terminate on Friday, May 29, and for the last fortnight of his season Mr. Tree has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Ellen Terry, who will appear with him in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," resuming her part of Mistress Page.

"Naval Engagements") will shortly be seen at the Oxford. The company includes Miss Violet Lytton, Miss Alma Evelyne, Mr. Frank Dunn, and Mr Herbert Dickeson as the gay old admiral.

Miss Maud Allan will pay a flying visit to the Prince of Wales' Theatre, Birmingham, next Thursday afternoon, when she will give a lengthy repertoire of her classical dances. Other artists who will accompany Miss Allan are Miss Margaret Cooper and Mr. Arthur Prince.

Something novel will be shown at the South London this week in a demonstration by Frank Long, Omoyo San and Co. of the art of jujitsu. While jujitsu has been practised before audiences for a long time, the real value of it as an art of self-defence has rarely been explained intelligently to an audience.

What is described as a complete novelette in seven stage chapters in 20 minutes, entitled "The Mystery of the Red Web," written by Fergus Hume, the author of "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," in conjunction with Newman Harding, will be presented by the merry and bright Charles Berte Co at the Canterbury to-morrow.

An old favourite will reappear at the Tivoli to-morrow in Happy Fanny Fields, with her Dutch dialect songs and quaint dancing. La Danseuse opens with her terpsichorean entertainment, and Harry Lauder is still in big demand. Little Tich, George Robey, Vikie Bard, Mark Sheridan, Ernest Shand and Will Evans as "Maggie Allum" form the principal features of the bill.

New turns just added to the programme at the Empire include Truly Shattock, the American comedienne, who appears in some of her smart and catchy character songs which have already established her fame in America. Anna Hickisch has returned to the Empire, where she will be remembered as having appeared in the part of the opera singer in Mr. Gustave Kerker's clever operetta, "Burning to Sing."

A generous response has been made by distinguished artists in all branches of the profession to the appeal for assistance at the matinee which is to take place on Tuesday, May 26, at the Coliseum in aid of the Kensington General Hospital. George Robey, who is organising the performance, has already received favourable replies from a number of well-known people, and among those who will take part in a really remarkable programme are Mr. Lewis Waller, Mr. Walter Passmore, Miss Phyllis Dare, Mr. Harry Tate, Mr. Fred Terry and Miss Julia Neilson, Mr. Julian Rose, Mr. John McCormack, Miss Sybil Arundale, Max Darewski, Little Tich, Miss Ethel Haydon, Miss Margaret Cooper, Mr. James Welch (who at once replied with a promise to play a scene from "When Knights Were Bold," and added a substantial cheque on his own account), Mr. Maurice Farkoa, Mr. Alfred Lester, and the Zaneigs.

VARIETY STAGE.

It would be difficult to decide which of the star turns at the Paragon is the most popular, Harry Lauder or Alec Hurley in "The Costers Beano." Another strong card is Victoria Monks, "Five feet of comic opera," in the person of dainty Grace Hazard, may be seen at the London Coliseum this week several old favourites are likewise featured, as Madge Temple, the Dandies, and Will Fulbrook in his noted sketch, "Astronomy."

Mr Herbert Dickeson and Co in "A Fair Exchange," a musical version of

MR. IMRE KIRALFY.

BABY ON THE RACK.

There was a sequel to the finding of a baby in the rack of a carriage on the Tilbury railway at Southend, when Mrs. Minnie Evans, a well-dressed young woman, of Wokingham, who sobbed bitterly, was charged with abandoning the child on May 6. When arrested at Wood Green by Det. Prime she said she would tell the truth. She brought the child from Hastings, and left it in the train, but scarcely knew what she was doing. Two letters which accused tried to tear up were produced, but not read, and she was remanded.

IN THE WEST-END.

ARREST OF ALLEGED FORGERS.

Before Mr. Francis, at Westminster, a remarkable story of arrests by Scotland Yard officers in connection with a forged cheque on Parr's Bank (Chelsea Branch) was detailed. Prisoners, well-dressed men, were described on the sheet as Geo. Jackson, alias Chas. Grande, 58, Danish subject; Alfred Auger, 62, "a ship's steward"; and Edwd. Fisher, dealer, of Gloucester-crescent, Regent's Park. All accused are well known in the West End, and Det.-insp. Ward stated that on another occasion, when the police would be legally represented, there would be abundant evidence that they had long been

Nefariously Acting in Concert.

—Evidence at very considerable length was given as to the clever arrest of prisoners and what led up to it. About a week ago a well-known Chelsea tradesman—Mr. Spunk, a butcher—received a letter respecting a meat contract for hotels. The expected reply was evidently for the purpose of getting his signature, but, as it happened, his daughter answered the letter and signed it. At the local branch of Parr's Bank a cheque for £100 was presented, but as the signature of the presumed drawer differed from that recognised, it was immediately seen that the document was a forgery. A messenger boy, who presented the cheque, said he received it with certain instructions from a lady. The bank made up a dummy letter, supposed to contain bank notes, and the messenger boy was sent back with it.

Under Surveillance.

The sealed package was not claimed, but later on at the Chancery-lane office a telephonic message was received to despatch the letter to an address at Gloucester-crescent, Regent's Park. The boy was accordingly despatched there with the dummy, and was followed by Det.-sergt. McEvoy, who saw all the prisoners and another man waiting about. Jackson got possession of the letter. It was first left at a house where it is alleged one of the men had engaged rooms, and prisoners then walked away together and inspected its contents. They all four stood round, and when the contents were known not to be what was expected Jackson shook Fisher apparently in a jocular way and laughed. Directly afterwards they separated, and the arrests were made, and Jackson threw the dummy letter from his trousers' pocket, and as the officer picked it up said, "You must have put it there yourself."—Remanded.

A SOCIETY SINGER

WILL APPEAR SHORTLY AT COVENT GARDEN.

A notable débutante will shortly appear at Covent Garden. Lord Kensington's sister-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Edwardes, has signed a contract in Paris to make her début in "Faust" in a few weeks' time. Mrs. Edwardes is a pupil of M. Jean de Reszke, under whose direction she has made great headway during the last few months on the concert platform in Paris. A year ago she sang with immense success at the Théâtre Réjane in "Aida" and "Galatea," and "Alexander's Feast." She is pretty and dainty, and has large, dark, expressive eyes. Her voice is a lyric soprano, very pure, and of delightful quality. Her artistic temperament is robust and full of attack, so that her success even in a building as large as Covent Garden is confidently anticipated. A French Canadian by birth, Mrs. Edwardes has spent most of her life in British Columbia. Her family has been prominent in Quebec for hundreds of years.

MISTRESS AND SERVANT.

Elizh. Smith Mundell and Lucy Cain were awarded £40 and £20 damages respectively in the Manx Common Law Court against Thos. Elgie Jefferson and his wife.—It was alleged that Mrs. Jefferson had slandered plaintiffs, both of whom had been employed by defendants as domestic servants, and it was alleged Mundell had been beaten and kicked by Mrs. Jefferson. Cain remonstrated, and both servants left. Mrs. Jefferson then charged them with theft.—The case was withdrawn from the jury owing to a settlement for the damages stated being arrived at.

Over 2,000 of the 3,000 tickets available for the demonstration at the Lyceum Theatre next Tuesday, to support the establishment of a national theatre as a Shakspere memorial, have been applied for.

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ELECTION NEWS.

UNIONIST VICTORY IN NORTH SHROPSHIRE.

Polling to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Kenyon-Slaney resulted in a splendid victory for Tariff Reform. The figures were:

Mr. B. Stanier (U.) 5,328
Mr. F. Neilson (R.) 4,377

U. Maj. 951
(No change.)

At the General Election the figures were Slaney (U.), 4,848; Neilson (R.), 3,242. U. maj. 166.

As Col. Kenyon-Slaney's majority over Mr. Neilson in 1906 was only 166 the Radicals made the most strenuous efforts to capture the seat. They had Mr. Neilson a strong local candi-

MR. B. STANIER, M.P.
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date, who was personally popular and had "nursed" the constituency ever since his defeat by the late member. Up to the close of the polling the Radicals were confidently anticipating victory, and were hoping to be able to set against the losses they have sustained all over the country one solitary success. This has not only been denied them, but they have also suffered an additional reverse for the Unionist majority has been increased almost sixfold. From 166 the figures have mounted to 951, and this in spite of the unwearied efforts of a more than usually active candidate, and the lure of a vote-catching Budget, of which the most was made. Mr. Stanier, the new member, who is a strong Tariff Reformer, has increased the Unionist vote by almost 600; while the Radical poll has decreased by over 300.

MONTROSE.—RESULT.

Polling to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. John Morley to the Peerage resulted as follows:—

Mr. R. V. Harcourt (R.).....3,983
Mr. J. Burgess (Lab.).....1,937
Mr. A. H. B. Constable (U.) 1,576

R. maj. over Lab.....1,146
R. maj. over U.....1,507

In 1906 the figures were Morley (R.), 4,746; Sprot (U.), 1,922. R. maj. 2,494.

Lord Morley's successor is a son of the late Sir Wm. Harcourt, and therefore a younger brother of Mr. Lewis Harcourt, the present First Commissioner of Works. At the G.C. election of 1907 he unsuccessfully contested Mile End, and last March was the unsuccessful Radical candidate at the Hastings by-election, being defeated by Mr. Du Cros.

STIRLING BURGHS.

Polling to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman (R.) will take place next Friday. Two candidates have been nominated, viz.:—

Mr. W. Whitelaw (U.)
Mr. A. Ponsonby (R.)

1906, no contest. Figures in 1900:—Bannerman (R.), 2,715; Duke (U.), 2,085. R. maj., 630.

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

CHESHIRE (Wirral).—Mr. Lever, M.P. (R.), will not seek re-election.

GLAMORGAN (E.).—Mr. J. H. Gaskell of Cardiff, has been adopted.

TOTTENHAM.—Mr. E. V. Sturdy (U.) has been adopted.

HOW AND BROMLEY.—Mr. Harry du Cros (U.), brother of the M.P. for Hastings, has been adopted.

BLACKBURN.—Mr. P. Snowden, M.P. (I.L.), denies that he purposes contesting E. Birmingham.

DEVON (Honiton). — Sir J. Kennaway, M.P. (U.), will not seek re-election on account of advancing age.

PADDINGTON (N.).—The executive committee of the Conservative Assn. rejected by a small majority to recommend Sir H. Samuel (U.), but it is understood he will decline to stand. The Constitutional Union supports the claims of Mr. A. Strauss (U.), who contested the seat at the General Election. The sitting member is Mr. Mauzza-Money (R.).

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY LORD RECTORSHIP.

It is stated in Glasgow that Mr. Lloyd-George is the likely Radical candidate for the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman had been the chosen nominee.

PENSIONS AND TARIFF REFORM.

"I haven't the slightest doubt," said Mr. C. A. Vince to a Birmingham correspondent, "that Mr. Asquith's pension scheme makes Tariff Reform inevitable. Seventy is far too late if the object is to keep deserving cases out of the workhouse, and as this means a considerable and almost immediate extension of the scheme, the only way to provide the means is by taxing manufactured articles, and thereby broadening the basis of taxation."

THE EDUCATION BILL.

Instead of putting forward a declaratory amendment on the Education Bill, the Opposition leaders in the House of Commons will support a motion for the rejection of the Bill, which will be moved to-morrow on their behalf by Viscount Balcarres.

CRIMINAL APPEAL.

NEW COURT REVERSES JURY'S VERDICT

The first sitting of the newly-constituted Court of Criminal Appeal took place in the Lord Chief Justice's Court, when appeals were heard from the Central Criminal Court and the N. London Sessions. The list contained three applications for leave to appeal and four final appeals. The constitution of the Court was the Lord Chief Justice of England, Justice Channell, and Justice A. T. Lawrence.—The first case taken was that of Thos. H. Williamson, a labourer of Islington, who, at the Central Criminal Court before the Common Serjeant (Sir Alfd. Bosanquet, K.C.) on April 30 was found guilty of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm to Jno. Alfd. Ingham, and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. — Mr. Francis D. Thomas, who appeared on behalf of Williamson, said the case was one in which the court was asked for leave to appeal. Accused, after being sentenced, was appealing on a question of fact. His allegation was that, although he acknowledged an assault he acted purely in self defence. The parties had lived together in Lunar-st.—The Lord Chief Justice said there was nothing to show that the verdict was unreasonable, or that it could not be supported. It must be understood that the court was

Not There to Re-try Cases

where there had been evidence to leave to a jury which it was proper to leave to them, and upon which they could come to a decision. In this case the court refused leave to appeal. An interesting case followed—one in which leave to appeal had been given on a certificate of the Common Serjeant at the Central Criminal Court, and in which counsel were engaged on both sides.—Prisoner was Jno. Lee, aged 42, a coster, who at the last sessions of the Central Criminal Court was found guilty of passing counterfeit coin and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.—Mr. Hermann Cohen appeared for the prisoner and Mr. Sands represented the Crown.—Mr. Hermann Cohen said the case was one where the certificate was granted by the judge, who disagreed with the verdict of the jury.—Counsel said the prisoner went into a public-house in Hatton Garden, and tendered for a drink a 5s. piece, which turned out to be bad. The barmaid drew his attention to this, and then prisoner paid for the drink with a good coin. The barmaid next accused prisoner of being a man whom she identified as having a fortnight before, passed a bad 5s. piece. Accused denied this, and said that only that morning he had come from Swanley.

In Prison at the Time.

He left the house, but eventually was given into custody, as he was running away. The barmaid swore positively that accused was the man who passed a bad coin a fortnight before, but accused, who gave evidence on oath, said he could not have been as he was at that time in prison. It was true he said he came from Swanley, but the reason he gave was that he did not wish to say in a public-house bar that he was in prison at the time alleged. The jury convicted prisoner, but the Common Serjeant held that it was against the weight of evidence, and in passing sentence of 12 months' hard labour, granted a certificate of leave to appeal.—Mr. Cohen contended the case was one in which the verdict should be quashed, and he appealed for a quashing of the conviction and sentence.—The Lord Chief Justice, after the court had consulted, said the case had been carefully argued, and they were of opinion that the conviction could not stand. One had a strong feeling and hoped very much indeed that the passing of this Act would not lead to any modification or alteration of the well-established practice of the administration of the criminal law — that was the

Presumption of Innocence,

and that that presumption was only to be rebutted by evidence with regard to the particular offence which left no doubt that the prisoner was guilty. His lordship went on to say that this seemed to be a case in which, in ordinary circumstances, had the learned judge pointed out to the counsel for the Crown that it would not be safe to convict, the case would not have gone to the jury. Another point was that had the learned judge who tried the case not been so certain that the jury would acquit, he would not have failed to have pointed out to them that on no account must they take into consideration a previous conviction. He thought if there was any fear that there had been a miscarriage of justice the verdict ought to be set aside. The conviction would be quashed and prisoner discharged after a verdict of acquittal had been entered.

AN AUTUMN SESSION.

PREMIER DECLARES THAT IT IS INEVITABLE.

Amid a chorus of humorous groans and ironical cheers the Prime Minister told the House of Commons that an autumn session was inevitable. He could not say when it would begin, nor could he tell when the House would rise for the recess, but he promised to consult general convenience. The announcement causes no surprise. The measures foreshadowed in the King's Speech are so numerous, and some of them are so controversial, that an ordinary session

WOULD NOT SUFFICE.

Before Parliament adjourns in the second week of August it will be invited to pass the Licensing Bill, the Finance Bill, and the Bill for Old Age Pensions. Two at least of these measures will occupy nearly every one of the 50 odd days at the disposal of the Government. Parliament will meet again early in October for the consideration of the Education Bill and other measures of minor importance, such as the Scottish Education Bill and the Irish Universities Bill.

Henry VIII.'s Chapel, Westminster Abbey, will be the scene of the marriage of Mr. Masterman, M.P., and Miss Lucy Lyttelton, which is to take place very quietly on June 2.

CANADA'S FUTURE.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT AT A BANQUET.

According to a Reuter message from New York a remarkable scene occurred at a banquet attended by 1,300 Canadians, the majority of whom are resident in New York, and given by the Canadian Club. The chief speakers were Mr. Marcil, Deputy-Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, and Mr. Hugh Guthrie, a member of the House. Responding to the toast of "The relations between Canada, Great Britain, and the United States," Mr. Justice Longley, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, said: "I do not think that Canada will always remain a colony. Our relations are so agreeable that there is no tendency towards anything but the best feeling between the Mother-country and her eldest daughter. Even now we have all the rights of a free and independent country, even in matters relating to foreign affairs, but there comes a time when a nation develops such power that it no longer desires to be a colony. When that time comes there will follow a mutual readjustment, and Canada will assume its natural relationship with the Mother-country. Instead of a dependency there will be an alliance, and I feel assured that Canada will aid the Mother-country in her efforts to spread liberty and Anglo-Saxon institutions throughout the world. There will be no thought of union with the United States. It might be to our political interests, but would be foreign to our ideals, for we could not then take our place among the nations of the world."

Mr. Bryce's Reply.

Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador in Washington, who was present, declared that Great Britain and Canada would always maintain their present relations, and he believed that Canadians as well as Britishers desired this. Canada's feelings for Great Britain were reciprocated by the latter. There had never been a time when the feeling was stronger among Canadians that Canada should remain a part of the Empire always and for ever. Mr. Bryce was proceeding to speak on the subject of the friendly relations between the United States and Canada when Judge Longley rose and left the hall. Both speeches were applauded. Mr. Fraser, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, re-echoed Mr. Bryce's sentiments, and added that he did not think the time would ever come when Canada would desire to separate from the Empire.

"OCEAN COLLEGES."

Jno. Kennerley, 62, described as a ship master, of Charing Cross; Humphrey Edwards, 29, shipping inquiry agent, of St. Alban's-avenue, Chiswick; and Rbt. Ogilvia, 55, secretary, of Charing Cross, were brought up, on remand, before Mr. Chester Jones, at the Thames Court, charged with conspiring to obtain money by fraud.—Mr. Chester Jones, in giving his decision, stated he did not think any jury would convict Edwards or Ogilvia, and they would be discharged. Kennerley would be further remanded

THE LICENSING BILL.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations, it was decided to hold a mass meeting of protest against the Licensing Bill in the Albert Hall on Thursday, June 25, when the principal speaker will be Mr. A. J. Balfour.

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CLASPED IN DEATH.

LOVERS DECIDE TO DIE TOGETHER.

An inquest was held at East Ham on Wm. Hy. French, 19, a barman, of Victoria-st., West Ham-lane, and Grace Victoria Coombe, 20, a domestic servant, of Redriff-rd., Plaistow. The lovers were found dead, locked in each other's arms, in a lake on Wanstead Flats.—The first witness was Mrs. Ehsh. French, mother of the dead youth. Mrs. French, who cried bitterly while giving evidence, said he had been employed at the Nottingham Hotel, Prince Regent-st., Custom House. She last saw him on Sunday. When he left her in the evening he said "Good-night," and kissed her. He was with Grace Coombe, who said she was

Not Coming Back.

He said he would come back, but he did not do so. He seemed always a bright boy, and never threatened to take his life. Mrs. French, continuing, said after inquiry on the following morning she found that the pair had slept at the girl's sister's house. "The girl," witness added, "often said she was very melancholy, but she was a nice girl."—Mr. Holsworth deposed to seeing the girl's body in one of the ponds on Wanstead Flats. When it was brought to shore they discovered that of the youth. His arm was tightly clasped round her waist, and the girls arms were tightly locked around French.—Death in both cases was due to drowning.—In a letter found on the girl French said he was "fed up with serving at the bar," and threatened suicide.—Verdict in both cases, suicide while temporarily insane.

"GRAND MILITARY TOURNAMENT AT ST. STEPHEN'S."

THE FLOWING TIDE.

GREAT INCREASE IN UNIONIST VOTE AT BY-ELECTIONS.

Since the return of the Radical Government there have been 32 by-elections, beginning with the City of London and ending now with North Shropshire. Among the most striking of these results may be mentioned the Unionist majorities at the following places:—

Constituency.	Majority
Mid-Devon	559
South Hereford	1,019
Worcester	1,282
Hastings	1,018
Peckham	2,494
N.W. Manchester	429

Altogether the Unionists have now won six seats from the Radical party since the General Election. They are:—

Cockermouth.	South Hereford.
Brigg (Lincs.).	Peckham.
Mid-Devon.	N.W. Manchester.

The following table speaks for itself:—

	Increase in vote.	Decrease in vote.
Mid-Devon	1,335	447
South Hereford	762	569
Worcester	480	683
South Leeds	2,789	926
Hastings	147	458
Peckham	3,406	1,427
Dewsbury	1,124	1,170
North-West Manchester	1,019	651
Kincardineshire	439	216
East Wolverhampton	1,761	1,096
Dundee	505	2,197
Shropshire (North)	480	305
	14,307	10,145

The difference between the two sets of figures is accounted for partly by the increase in the electorate, and partly by the intervention of Labour or Socialist candidates. In every instance the Unionist candidate has been a supporter of the Tariff Reform policy laid down by Mr. Balfour at Birmingham.

"THE WRONG GIRL."

SEQUEL TO A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

At Greenwich, Fredk. Whalley, of Hubbard-st., West Ham, was summoned by Harriet Bowdidge, of Molesworth-st., Lewisham, with respect to the paternity of her child.—The girl stated that the intimacy first took place on Good Friday last year, when she and defendant went into the country to Burnt Ash. They went into a field, where nobody was about. Subsequently they were intimate in the open air, near the Brockley Jack. When they went to Burnt Ash he took her by back turnings, and told her he ought to have been in church instead of being with her. She had been

Alone in the House

with defendant. On one occasion he told her he had got two girls into trouble, and had married the wrong one; he ought to have married her. She ascertained her condition in June, but was afraid to tell her mother, and did not do so until September or October. Defendant told her he had married "Florrie" on August Bank Holiday, adding, "I married the wrong one." When she told him her condition, he said, "It cannot be right; but, if it is right, I'll marry you."—A witness named Emily Larkin said she spoke to defendant, who said he had nothing to do with the child. She said, "You know you are the father of the child?" and he replied, "If I am the father of the child, it ought to have been born the last week in December, according to what my solicitor says." He added that he should not have thought of wronging the girl, as he had a wife. She told him he

Ought to Know Better,

if he had a wife, and he replied, "Of course, I should. I want nothing to say to you; go to my solicitor." She answered, "I cannot go to your solicitor, because he was not there when the deed was done."—Mr. Hutton: Perfectly true. (Laughter.)—Complainant's mother said defendant told her daughter, "I have got two girls into trouble, and you are the one I ought to have married." Witness added: He is not married at all.—Defendant denied entirely all the allegations, and declared that the interview stated never took place. He was the driver of a road engine, and the only acquaintance he had with the girl was when he was passing near her mother's shop, where he had to pull up to lower the stack in order to let the engine pass under the archway. He used to call at the shop for herb beer.—Dismissed.

NEW STATION FOR NEWBURY.

The G.W. Rly. Co. have just commenced the works for a new and commodious station at Newbury, which is an important junction on the express route to Devon and Cornwall, Weymouth, Southampton, and elsewhere. This was the route to the West of England originally planned, but the deviation via Swindon had to be made in consequence of the opposition of influential landowners.

RARE BIRDS IN SUFFOLK.

During the operations for the reclamation of the North Mere at Aldeburgh, in Suffolk, a pair of Slavonian grebes were disturbed, and now their nest has been discovered with one egg. It was a floating one of dry grass and rushes, and the egg has a rough shell of a pale blue tint. This Slavonian example is one of the handsomest of the grebe family, the male bird having a lovely hood or ruff. They usually breed south of the Shetlands, and a pair are recorded by Morris to have nested in some fresh water near Gairloch, in Ross-shire.

THE WEEK IN WESTMINSTER.

An Autumn Session.

For some time past it has been apparent to nearly all of us that we were beneath the shadow of an Autumn Session. True it is, that when the Cabinet was reconstructed there were some optimists who thought that the new Prime Minister would frankly admit the necessity for postponing or reconsidering his programme—but these optimists have suffered grievous disappointment. On Monday, amid a chorus of groans and cheers, Mr. Asquith announced that an Autumn Session was inevitable. We are to have a few weeks' holiday, and then back to the House of Commons until Christmas. The position of the modern M.P. is full of irony. He shells out £1,000 for election expenses, has to put his hand in his pocket for every cricket and football club in his constituency, slaves at Westminster for nine months in the year, and then, if he does not happen to receive a salary from a trade union, is dubbed by the Socialists one of the "Idle Rich." The main business of the day was the second reading of the Bill for the Establishment of a Roman Catholic University in Ireland. Generally speaking, the measure has the approval of all sections, but some Noncomformists and members who are opposed to denominational universities, divided the House against it. The amendment was lost, and the second reading carried by 344 votes to 31.

Mr. Burns and Housing.

It cannot be said that John Burns has done much to advance his reputation in the Housing and Town Planning Bill. During the first eighteen months of his administration at the Local Government Board, it was the fashion to speak of him as a great success. But now it is being realised that the member for Battersea has very decided limitations. Evidence of these is forthcoming in the measure under discussion last Tuesday. It is complicated, incoherent, and involved—needing much explanation which Mr. Burns did not give. The House wanted to know what it was all about. What was the effect of all the legislation by reference to other Acts of Parliament; but the President of the Local Government Board could not rise to the occasion. Instead of explaining his proposals he relapsed into flap doodle, and told open-mouthed members that they were asked "to efface the ghettoes of meanness and the alastias of squalor." The best feature of the Bill seems to be the part which empowers local authorities to regulate the growth and design of towns, instead of permitting them to spread in a haphazard and insanitary way. The clauses which apply to country districts are, I fear, utterly useless. No purely rural area will be able to stand the rate involved if the measure becomes law. A grant from the Exchequer is needed—but where is the money? Mr. Jowett, the Labour member for West Bradford, declared, moreover, that "the Bill will not touch vitally this problem of housing in the large towns," and "The People's" M.P. thoroughly agreed with him. The Bill passed its second reading by universal consent, but nobody was enthusiastic.

A Political Family.

The House of Commons discussed a variety of topics on Wednesday, and at question time attention was called to the recrudescence of the brutal practice of cattle-driving in Ireland. But the main political interest centered in the House of Lords, where the Scottish Land Values Bill was drastically amended. This is the second of the Scottish Bills which the Peers refused to pass last year. No doubt the Government will take this further rebuff lying down. Their campaign against the Lords has fizzled out, and they have no alternative but to look as if they liked it.

Mr. Robert Harcourt, the newly-elected Radical member for Montrose, took his seat on Thursday, and was given the welcome due to the bearer of a distinguished parliamentary name. He was introduced by his brother "Lulu," who is the most popular of Cabinet Ministers as he is the most undemocratic looking of Radicals. Mr. "Lulu" Harcourt is, indeed, a man upon whom fortune has smiled. Not only did he marry a great heiress, but he was made a Cabinet Minister without ever having made a single speech in the House of Commons. Lord Morley's successor (how difficult it is to realise that "honest John" is a peer) and the First Commissioner of Works are half-brothers. Sir William's second wife was a daughter of Motley, the famous historian, so Mr. Robert Harcourt should have hereditary talent. He certainly has a high standard to live up to in following John Morley, than whom no man is more respected at Westminster.

Doctrinaire Radicalism.

We spent Friday afternoon in the discussion of a measure which is the quintessence of doctrinaire Radicalism, namely, the Access to Mountains Bill. It is a legacy of Mr. Jas. Bryce, ex-Chief Secretary for Ireland and present Ambassador at Washington. Mr. Bryce had a mania for climbing hills, and this Bill is the outcome. I can understand the man who wants to seize the deer forest and turn it into a wheat field. It is a logical desire, though one which is based on ignorance of the fact that you might as well dig for gold in Hyde Park as try to grow wheat at the altitude at which deer are found. But this Bill makes no attempt to solve the "back to the land" problem. It is simply a dog-in-the-manger piece of legislation to allow anyone to roam about where they like on other people's property. "I can't have a deer forest, so let me spoil yours." Simple and selfish! Stupid also, for the Radicals forget that to destroy the deer forests is to throw a very large burden on the other ratepayers. At present sporting estates pay most of the rates in the wild Highland glens. Do away with the sporting value—and someone else must find the deficit. But, of course, the second reading was passed.

"THE PEOPLE'S" M.P.

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Nearly Mad With Neuralgia.

"Neuralgic pains tormented me day and night until I became almost distracted. I grew nervous, and started at the slightest sound. My body was always of an icy coldness, and for hours I would lie awake at nights. I was never free from headaches, and as time went on I could only get about with assistance.

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LIBEL IN A LETTER.

SEQUEL TO A VILLAGE SCANDAL.

An extraordinary action was heard at the Liverpool Assizes when Mrs. Standing, of the Preston district, sought to recover damages from Miss Frances A. Carvell, of the same district, for an alleged libel. Mr. Mellor, K.C., was counsel for plaintiff, and defendant, who did not appear, was not represented.—Mr. Mellor, on the case coming on, said there were certain letters which would have to be read, which would not be very pleasant for the ladies to hear.—At this stage a number of ladies retired from the court.—Counsel, proceeding, said he was bound to say he was not at all surprised to know the defendant had not put in an appearance there that day. That action was brought not so much to recover damages, but to put a stop once and for all, so far as they could, to the defendant writing

Scurrilous Letters

almost broadcast; in Longton, Howck and places adjacent. There had been a regular epidemic during the last 12 months of scurrilous letters written to all sorts of people, generally to women, accusing them of all sorts of disreditable matters. About the most libellous was the one which formed the subject of that action. It had been a little difficult to find out the writer, but defendant had not thought fit to put in an appearance there to deny that she was the author, and say that she did not write the letters. Defendant was a companion and a sort of servant to a lady, and was the actual writer of these letters. About 18 months ago a very scurrilous letter was written to a gentleman, who took it to his priest, and the latter put it in the fire. Mrs. Gowling, the wife of a solicitor, had in her employ, as a servant girl a niece of defendant. A very scurrilous letter was written to Mr. Gowling attacking him for many things for which there was no truth whatever. The

Writing was Disguised,

with an anonymous signature. It seemed that other people had received similar letters, and when three letters were compared they seemed to be in the same handwriting. Defendant, when visiting a Mrs. Whiteside, was told that Mr. Gowling was going to find out who had written the letters. Defendant said, "Mr. Gowling will never find out." She must then have gone home to write another letter, which was the subject of that action. She wrote this letter to Mrs. Gowling, which was full of vulgar abuse. This began:

Well, Mag, your husband says he will find out who has written that letter to him. What a d— fool he must be when he knows it is all true. We know that your father is the biggest old scamp in Garstang, and we all know he is bankrupt, and we know that Mrs. — has given you many a meal when you had not a bite to put into your mouth, and bandies of old clothes. . . . Everybody knows you for miles round in Garstang, and we know you are all man-mad. I don't want you to think that I come from Preston as I don't, and all pubs in Garstang know what an old blackguard he is to crown all we hear. We hear you have a servant; it would look a lot better trying to pay your father's debts than keeping a servant, and she cannot be much to live with scum like you. Nearly everybody knows what a poor fast lot you all were. We heard you were all coming to Garstang for Christmas.

(Counsel here explained that a day or two before Christmas Mr. Gowling had said in the presence of their servant, who was

Defendant's Niece,

"Let's go and visit the old folks at Garstang.") Counsel reading further in the letter, went on:

And then that Mark Standing's wife, she is another d— fool, she thinks she is somebody when we all know that as soon as she gets a place mucked up she moves . . . Check enough for a hundred.

That, said counsel, was a type of the letters which had been written to several people about the place. The object of that action was to bring this woman to book and put a stop to those letters once for all. It was not to try and get damages. A postcard went to the house of Mr. Gowling addressed to the servant, who was defendant's niece. The servant girl made an observation that her aunt did not always "write like that." That postcard seemed to be written in much the same disguised handwriting as the letters complained of. Four or five letters written to a person by defendant had been handed over to Mr. Gowling, and on these being compared it was evident that they were written by the same person who had written the letters now complained of.—Verdict for plaintiff for £25.

"GRIN AND BEAR IT."

BISHOP OF LONDON ON UNHAPPY MARRIAGES.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Mothers' Union at Westminster, the Bishop of London observed that he had had, in a way, to fight a lonely battle against divorce in London becoming more common than it was, and he believed that in fighting the battle for the sanctity of the British home he had been fighting for the Mothers' Union. While the Church recognised separation where wrong had been done, it had never sanctioned divorce. Where the State untied it must tie again—not the Church. A bad marriage was

A GREAT MISFORTUNE,

but it had to be borne like other misfortunes, and the Church must not compromise its position. He did not think the Mothers' Union had done its work until it had restored motherhood to its true place in our esteem as the crowning glory of womanhood. (Hear, hear.) He was one of a family of boys, three of whom were ordained. Those who had not been ordained were the more religious. (Laughter.) He believed his was the best mother in the world, but she was not continually talking religion to them; she lived it. The nation, concluded the bishop, would stand or fall by its home life.

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ENGINEER AND GIRL.

PAINFUL STORY OF A BETRAYAL.

A very singular case, involving questions about perjury, was heard at Manchester. It arose upon a warrant obtained by a young woman named Alice Jones, a tailor's cutter, living in St. Leonard-st., Charlton-on-Medlock, against Chas. Davis, an engineer, of Sandall-st., Bradford-rd., for disobedience of an order of the court to pay 5s. weekly towards the maintenance of an illegitimate child. The order was made in November last by the stipendiary magistrate. It appeared, from statements made in the course of the hearing, that Davis had already once, at Hanley, been committed to prison for treating it with contempt. It was stated to have been made in defendant's absence, upon proof being given (both oral and documentary) of the child's parentage. Defendant was said to be a

Married Man with 10 Children.

The extraordinary part of the case was that, since she obtained the order, complainant had, it was said, in presence of defendant's solicitor and other witnesses, signed a declaration to the effect that the evidence she had given, and upon which the order was based, was altogether untrue, and that another man (whom she named), and not defendant, was the child's father. This was followed some weeks later by a statutory declaration, made by her before a commissioner for oaths, to the same effect. These documents Mr. Judson put in as part of his client's defence.—Cross-examined with regard to them, complainant said the statements in both declarations were untrue.—Mr. Judson read a letter which the girl admitted having written and which contained statements similar to those in the signed declarations. That letter, she said, was written in defendant's own house, and to his dictation. He gave her a draft, which she copied; then, taking both the draft and the copy, he burnt the former and posted the latter (or was believed to have done so). She denied strongly that it was written of her own free will.

Was There Influence?

—Mr. Judson: You say there is no truth in the statutory declaration? It is absolutely wrong. I did not understand what I was doing. He influenced me to sign it. The thing would never have entered my head otherwise.—Asked by the stipendiary magistrate if threats had been used, complainant said defendant had beaten her, and knocked her about. When he seduced her she did not know that he was married and had children.—Did he represent himself to be a single man? He did, not only to me, but to my father and mother too.—She stated further that defendant took her to Morecambe and that her child was born there. They passed, she said, as Mr. and Mrs. Davis. When the magistrate's order was made in November, it was stated, a number of letters from defendant to complainant of an amatory nature were put in. They were, as the magistrate said, "love letters." She also told the magistrate that defendant lived with her not only at Morecambe, but at other addresses which she gave, in Manchester and at Stockport.—The defence was a denial of complainant's story. Defendant charged her with having committed

Gross and Wilful Perjury,

and he stated in the witness-box that there was no truth in her assertion that he dictated the letter which had been read; and he never influenced her to sign the statutory declaration. He admitted having lived in the same rooms with her at Morecambe, when he was working there, but she was destitute, and he took her in "out of charity."—Questioned about the "love letters," defendant said there was nothing unusual in them. He wrote in similar terms to other members of complainant's family. The magistrate read one or two sentences, and said these were hardly what one would expect to be written by the father of 10 children to a young woman of 26. It would appear, he added, that not only did defendant represent himself to the girl as unmarried, but he visited her parents' house in the guise of her intended husband.—A witness named Wm. Geo. Elliott spoke to admissions which he had heard defendant make. —In the end the magistrate said the order for payment of 5s. per week must be treated as still in force, as it had never been appealed against. Defendant must go to prison for two months.

A NEGRO VOCALIST.

MAN WHOM PRES. ROOSEVELT SHELTERED.

The American invasion of England will be supplemented this summer by the visit of a rather unique and striking personality. Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, the noted coloured baritone is to descend upon London and appeal for fair play, which is, on account of colour, denied him in his own country. He is coming over expressly on the invitation of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, and he will appear in a great function in London, at which King Edward will be the guest of the evening. Pres. Roosevelt, when he was Governor of New York was the means of providing the singer with lodgings. Mr. Burleigh had sung at one of the large theatres in Albany one night, and it came to Governor Roosevelt's ears that Mr. Burleigh was experiencing difficulties in securing lodgings, and in his impulsive way he at once sent for the singer and invited him to put up at the official residence, and that night he spent as the guest of the Roosevelt family.

WIFE ARRESTED.

CHARGED WITH POISONING HER HUSBAND.

Mrs Cleary, a young Irishwoman, is accused of poisoning her husband, and was arrested on this charge on board a liner at New York. She had

MRS. CLEARY ARRIVING AT LIMERICK. [Illustrations Bureau.

THE DUBLIN JEWELS.

AMUSING APPLICATION BY A BARRISTER.

A strange incident took place before Mr. Horace Smith, at Westminster. An elderly, well-dressed gentleman, from the solicitor's table, after bowing to the magistrate, said: I am an Irish barrister, and I have to apply for a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Augustine Birrell "for the theft of the Crown jewels in Dublin." The charge is "that Lord Aberdeen and Mr. Birrell, in conjunction committed that theft." I hand up a statement in support of my application. It is a case of circumstantial evidence of a very extraordinary character. I have to go back to the time when Mr. Grant Duff and Lord Kimberley —. —Mr. Horace Smith, interrupting, said he would read the document handed up. Having done so, the magistrate said: "You can proceed either by the Attorney-General, or you can present a Bill before the Grand Jury, or you can apply to the Public Prosecutor to take up your case.

NEXT APPLICATION, PLEASE.

—Applicant, disregarding the intimation, asked if there was any reason why the ordinary course should not be pursued. He proceeded: "There are certain members of the Government who are implicated in this, and they will endeavour to corrupt ——"—Mr. Horace Smith: I dare say. I have said all I have got to say. I will not trouble you any further, sir. Will you kindly sit down, as I am proceeding to hear other applications now.—Applicant: But I must really ask your worship to hear what the chain of evidence is.—Mr. Horace Smith: If you will not sit down, sir, when I tell you, I must ask you to leave the court at once.—The court officials moved towards applicant to remove him, and one of them tapped him on the shoulder, saying politely: "This way, sir, please." He left with apparent reluctance.

A TALE OF A RING.

At Bow-st. Maude Cooke, 26, a barmaid, of Grove-rd., Wimbledon, was charged on a warrant with the fraudulent conversion of a diamond ring.—Mr. Lalig Waller, prosecutor, said he was a jeweller carrying on business at Amhurst-rd., Hackney. On February 24 he was with Cooke at Charing Cross Station, and there handed her the ring to pledge for him, having first told her that she could get an advance of £35 upon it. It was arranged that she should meet him at the Piccadilly Tube Station with the money, but she failed to appear.—Cooke, who was stated by Det.-sergt. Wyborn to have pawned the ring for £26, was remanded on bail of £50.

LOVELY BLUE EYES.

THE SERGEANTS AND THE WIDOW.

I am longing for the time when I can look into those lovely blue eyes again, and get some more of those lovely kisses.

The above quotation from a letter was given at Bolton when Sergt. Geo. Webb, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, appeared in answer to a summons taken out by his wife, Elizh. Webb, who was granted a separation order, carrying 12s 6d a week. The woman's address was given as Gloucester-st., Bolton. Webb is at present stationed at the Barracks, Bury. Mrs. Webb, a well-dressed woman, in evidence said she was a widow when she married defendant. He had several time assaulted her. In reply to Mr. Pickstone, she admitted that her husband left her after accusations respecting her conduct with a sergeant residing in Bolton. Witness had shown a Mrs. Toms a letter which she had received, and asked her if she knew who had sent it. The letter was signed "A." There was only one letter.

My Owncst Own.

—Did the letter commence, "My owncst own?" Yes that was the beginning.—Did you tell Mrs. Toms who had sent the letter? I did not know. Mrs. Toms told me that the Bolton sergeant had sent it. Mr. Birtwistle asked if the officer mentioned was going to be called. "I do not know," replied Mr. Pickstone. "These are very grave allegations against him behind his back," commented Mr. Birtwistle.—Witness denied emphatically that the Bolton officer stealthily left the house in her husband's absence one night. Witness also denied other allegations. — Evidence was given that Mrs. Webb had been seen in company with the sergeant, and Mrs. Toms, wife of a quartermaster, said Mrs. Webb referred to the Bolton sergeant as "a perfect gem." She had also shown her a letter which contained the extract given above.

ROADSIDE TRACEDY.

FATHER FINDS HIS CYCLIST SON DEAD.

A pathetic circumstance attended the finding of the dead body of a cyclist named Thos. Marchant by the roadside near the Brighton County Borough Asylum at Hayward's Heath. —It appears that P.C. Pearson passed the cyclist (who lived at World's End, Wivelsfield) at 5.50. Marchant was then cycling up a hill known as Rocky Dane. At 6.15 a waiter, employed at the Station Hotel at Hayward's Heath, came across deceased lying dead near a wall along the highway with the handle-bar of his machine resting on his body. The police were sent for, and Dr. Wood, one of the asylum doctors, and Dr. Glenn saw the body. There being no external marks of injury a post-mortem examination was deemed necessary to ascertain the cause of death. While the dead man was being placed upon a stretcher by the police an elderly working man passed. His curiosity was aroused by the little crowd in the road, and he joined it. To his horror and grief he saw that the lifeless form was that of his son. Marchant leaves a widow and three young children.

HOUSES COLLAPSE.

SENSATIONAL DISASTER AT SEA-SIDE TOWN.

Two houses in Victoria-terrace, Margate collapsed in the early hours one morning this week, the whole

THE COLLAPSED HOUSES AT MARGATE. [Photo by W. J. Fair.

neighbourhood being alarmed by the accompanying crash. Fortunately, the public authority, having been forewarned by the appearance of fissures in the walls of the buildings, had all the occupants removed a day or two ago. It is stated that the security of the whole row is jeopardised by the collapse. On Tuesday night an engine driver named Cuckney, who has a large family, desired to sleep on the premises, but was not allowed to do so. The furniture in his house was buried in the ruins. The walls of one house bulged out and fell into a lane in front of the terrace, the roof crashing into the back garden of an adjoining house, the scattered debris killing a litter of pups in the yard. The other house subsided into a large hole which appeared to have suddenly opened up in the earth. The scene after the fall was a remarkable one. Brickwork and bedding, plaster and furniture were lying in heaps. On the partition wall that divided the fallen houses from the end house still standing hung a portrait of the King and Queen, a little mirror and a framed text. The top of the end house is bulging out and there are huge cracks in all the other cottages.

WORLD OF WHEELS.

CYCLING.

Teas for Cyclists.

Every year about this time I get queries from readers who are anxious to make a living out of catering for cyclists in the way of tea and light refreshments, and who frequently ask me if I can recommend a suitable place, and some even ask me to tell them of a suitable house—where they can start operations. I am afraid that no thorough on a subject like this can be of any real help, as it requires hard practical experience to know exactly how to make such a thing pay. As a general rule I am told by those who have tried it that whilst tea houses are a very desirable adjunct to an income there is not a living in it by itself. It is essentially a short season trade, and a wet summer will make a great difference. True, the gross profits are large, but what may be called the "dead" charges run away with a lot because the turnover is so small. Saturday and Sunday are practically the only days on which there is much trade, and then it only lasts for an hour or two, and if you are doing a good business then it is almost certain that you will be obliged to have assistance in waiting, for cyclists are very impatient and want their tea just at once or sooner. It is best to make up your mind to provide only tea, cake, bread and butter, preserves, and perhaps eggs. If you start cold meats you will find the demand not very great, and there will probably be a lot of remains.

The Locale.

As regards the best place, everyone must judge for themselves. You want a house on a fairly-frequented road, with, if possible, a garden in which tea can be served. It must be a reasonable distance from a town, so as to avoid the competition of confectioners and hotels and to ensure cheaper rates and taxes. Yet it must not be so far away as to render the obtaining of supplies difficult or expensive. It is better to buy non perishable food, such as tea, in bulk, and if you can make your own tea-cakes, preserves, etc., so much the better, as you will have plenty of time during the week to do so. You will require a plentiful supply of crockery which should be neat but not too fragile, and, above all, you will want an inexhaustible supply of good temper and patience. I am told by one who has tried that two hardworking girls can make a net profit of between £60 and £70 a year, out of which they will have to pay their rent. They must, however, be fond of a country life and have plenty of resources, or the winter will be very dull. If anyone who has any practical knowledge on the subject likes to send me any particulars and details I shall be pleased to publish them, for it obviously is a subject of great interest to many of my readers.

A Chance.

It has been truly said that in these advertising days people with brain or with the knack of solving questions can make practically for nothing. Certainly they can go a good way towards this, and if anyone wants a bicycle for nothing the Fleet Cycle Co. are prepared to give them a chance of getting one. All you have to do is to write to the Fleet Cycle Co., Bournville, Birmingham, for a catalogue, read it carefully, and see what you can suggest in the way of improvement for the next edition. The competitor who, in the opinion of the managing director, offers the best suggestion will get a bicycle for nothing. There is no entrance fee.

A New Oil Can.

One of the minor worries of cycling is the losing of the screw on top of one's oil can. They are generally fitted with a rim which can be stuck in something whilst you are using the oil can, always providing that you can find some place to stick it. I have lately seen an oiler which provides for this. At the top of the screw which you remove to fill the can is a dome or pad of cork just thick enough to act as a cushion for the pin of the oil can to be stuck in, and it remains there quite safely whilst you are oiling your machine. This oil can is marketed by Gamage's, in High Holborn.

The Licensing Bill and Cyclists.

The Cyclists Touring Club have drafted several amendments to the Licensing Bill which they hope to get incorporated whilst the Bill is in committee. The amendments are aimed at providing a penalty for the non-provision by licensed victuallers of suitable refreshment at reasonable prices other than intoxicating liquor. The proposed penalty is £10 for the first offence, £20 for a second, and £50 for a third, with a possibility of the forfeiture of the license for any subsequent conviction.

Watch Your Boot Laces.

When riding in boots be careful to see that your boot laces are securely fastened, as a serious accident may occur through them becoming wound round the crank, and it is the sort of thing that could happen in a moment.

WHEELER.

MOTORING.

No Fresh Taxes.

I suppose we are all glad that the day of increased taxes on motors has not yet arrived. Goodness knows in these hard times it's hard enough to buy and keep any sort of motor, without having it made more difficult through the imposition of further money burdens. I think the Royal Automobile Club is to be thanked, to some extent, for our present immunity. This body, all through the time at which rumours of fresh taxes were most rife, maintained a perfectly consistent attitude. The R.A.C. said—first and foremost—"We do not admit that there is any case made out by those who advocate more taxes on motors." They went and interviewed Mr. Asquith; they put the whole matter before him, and explained just what a hardship any fresh burden would be at a time when trade was so bad that motor firms were failing every day. The then Chancellor of the Exchequer evidently paid attention to the arguments so fairly set before him. The R.A.C. have good reason to believe that, should this matter crop up again, an opportunity of being heard attentively will once more be afforded them by the authorities.

The Nottingham Meet.

My inability to be in two places at one moment—a peculiarity to which, I mistake not, I alluded some weeks ago—prevented me from attending the first provincial meet of the R.A.C., and its General Committee at Nottingham. The meeting itself and the subsequent visit, at the Duke of Portland's invitation, to the famous Welbeck Abbey, appear to have been most successful, a very large number of R.A.C. members and associates taking advantage of such a good chance of seeing a house rendered doubly interesting by events which have happened so recently. It is to be hoped that these provincial meetings will become more and more popular, for they serve the excellent purpose of bringing the head motoring organisation of this country into close contact and sympathy with its provincial component parts, without the support of which the R.A.C.'s influence would be greatly curtailed.

Brooklands Again.

I'm quite sure some people had a good time at the last Brooklands meeting. The motor-cyclists were in great force, and their handicap event created quite as much interest as any of the other races, except the finish of the 90-h.p. sprint, when Resta beat Newton. I would take this opportunity of respectfully reminding competitors in future motor-cycle events at Brooklands that they are not the only people in the paddock, and that common decency should prompt them not to go flying round and round the central building and bursting through the crowd—especially when their braker are so inefficient, that the riders feet trailed on the ground seem the only method of stopping available.

The 9-H.P. Riley.

Carrying out the intention of which I wrote a fortnight ago, I made a good trial last week of the 9-h.p. Riley two-seater. In many ways it more than came up to my expectations. Chiefly did the absence of vibration surprise me. The engine is powerful and the frame light, so I had quite expected a continuous tremor, but, practically speaking, there was none. The little car was delightfully comfortable and nothing could have been more docile in traffic—except, perhaps, the same car with the control levers arranged in a more handy position. This is decidedly a bad point, and one which intending purchasers should insist upon having put right. If two or three did so, the Riley people would no doubt alter the standard arrangement in favour of something more rational.

A Few Points.

The extreme lightness of the steering was curious just at first, but I soon got accustomed to it, and found it ideal after a very short time. The front wheels have an extraordinary lock which makes manœuvring in narrow streets a simple matter. The springing of the car is admirable. I have never been on any machine better in this respect. The speed changing is absolutely fool proof and quite noiseless. One thing I would recommend the Riley Company to do. They should cure the humming noise in the gear-box when top speed is in use. The gear-box pinions then are not transmitting power and there is no reason why they should hum. I will say, this, however, the humming, when it went out, was partly due to the lowness of oil in the gear-box. As for speed—well! I was told she would do 40, and I daresay she would have done. She felt lively enough! As I am not a scorcher I did not ask her to do more than an easy and most comfortable 25. As for hill-climbing, the Riley successes in open competition speak for themselves. I strongly advise anyone who is going in for a cheap, light car to pay a visit to the Riley London agents in Dover-st., Piccadilly.

Notes.

When adjusting a carburetter, see that the float cuts off the supply just when the level of petrol reaches the top of the jet. There should be a bead of petrol sitting steadily on the top of a single channel jet. In carburetters of the Krebs type, with a spring holding a ball up into a seating at the bottom of the float chamber, the accurate tension of the spring is most important. If the level of petrol is too high the spring must be made stronger and vice versa. It is better to get the spring right than to weight the float. Tighten up the gear-box bearings before the hot weather, and mix some grease with the oil.

H. C. L.

HISTORIC CHURCH.

The Rev. Heathcote Smith is appealing for funds to complete the restoration of St. Michael's Church, Princetown, Devon, which was built by the French and American prisoners of war in the early years of the nineteenth century, and since 1864 has served as the parish church of Princetown. The Treasury has sanctioned a grant of £335 13s. 4d., being one-third of the cost, on condition that the remainder is found by the parishioners. The latter have raised within £165 of the required amount, but, in order to get this by Oct. 1, find themselves obliged to seek outside help.

AN INTELLIGENT HORSE.

Torn and bleeding from the jagged end of the broken shaft of a mail van which it had been drawing from Tunbridge Wells to Tonbridge, a horse bolted two miles into the last-named town, and dashing along the principal thoroughfare turned round two corners and stopped in an exhausted condition before the stables of Mr. Percy Gregory, veterinary surgeon. Mr. Gregory was sleeping in his house, which is near the stables, but, awakened by the noise, went downstairs and found the horse standing in a pool of blood.

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COMMENTS BY NOTABLE PASSENGERS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

Centenarians seem to flourish best in Tipperary. Within quite a short time the deaths have been announced there of no less than three persons who survived a hundred years, the last being Edward Ryan, who died at the great age of 112. The death, too, is recorded this week of the venerable Mrs. Norris, of Preston, who attained her hundredth year last November. On the other hand, Russia boasts, in a non-commissioned officer named Budnikoff, a hale and hearty veteran, who claims to be 128 years old, to have entered the Army in 1797, and to have served for over eighty years, the campaign of 1812 against Napoleon included.

The late Mr. Thoms would have submitted Budnikoff's claims to the severest scrutiny. He would have remarked, no doubt, that in Russia the system of birth registration must have been very primitive 128 years ago, and that ancient warriors, in recounting their exploits, are apt to confuse one campaign with another. He would have demanded documentary evidence, in short, for Budnikoff's statements, and if it was not forthcoming, he would have expressed his complete disbelief in them. Mr. Thoms was nothing if not sceptical, and it must be admitted that he disproved a good many so-called instances of longevity. More especially was he down upon the stock cases of Thomas Parr, Henry Jenkins, and the Countess of Desmond.

Those aged people were reputed to have lived to be 152, 169 and 140 respectively. Old Parr, in all probability, passed his hundredth year, but his extra half-century or so cannot be accepted as genuine. No record of his birth is ever known to have existed, though during the last years of his life he became a popular hero, and a biography was written about him in which his life was dexterously connected with great events. Jenkins was a person of boastful disposition, and the only basis for the legend of his great age was his own confident assertion. The Countess of Desmond was resolved by Mr. Thoms on conclusive evidence into two, and possibly three, ladies of that title. The confusion between two people of the same name is the commonest foundation for stories of exceptional longevity. In other instances some wag has tampered with a parish register, or the mistake has arisen through the carelessness or ignorance of a village stonemason.

The truth appears to be that cases of undoubted centenarians are fairly numerous, and that trustworthy evidence exists as to persons who have passed their 110th year. But a life of 120 years seems barely possible; one of 150 years incredible. Though the average length of life is on the increase in civilised countries, these abnormal spans of existence tend to disappear when they are submitted to the tests of carefully-kept registers and the books of insurance companies. The days of our age remain pretty much the same as they did in the time of the Psalmist, at three score years and ten, and no recipe for getting into "three figures" has yet been discovered, though moderation in eating and drinking, a settled income, plenty of occupation, and freedom from worry tend to produce that dubiously beneficial result.

THE ACTOR.

Respecting the Censorship of plays, the Munich police authorities have established a committee to act as readers and licensors. The members constituting the committee include prominent authors, high school professors, and artists. Upon any dubious question regarding the production of plays the final decision continues, as it always has been, with the police.

Lovers of the poetry of motion will rejoice to hear that their prime favourite, the graceful Adeline Genée, returns in June to London, and will reappear at the Empire Theatre in her delightful assumption of Swanilda in the ballet of "Coppelia." The exquisite dancer's success wherever she has gone in America has been as complete as it is in London.

It is interesting to learn, as I have done, that the famous Danish dancer practises her steps before a mirror through four hours every day. Owing to this habit of constant training, as Mlle. Genée states, she never feels fatigue. One unaccountable circumstance in connection with her art is that she actually turns giddy the moment she attempts to dance in a ballroom.

Mr. Sydney Valentine is the latest of the many eminent recruits from the regular stage to the variety theatre. He is now appearing nightly at the Empire, giving an American recitation with an organ accompaniment entitled "The Volunteer Organist."

It is gratifying to know that "hats off" at matinees, the new rule absolute Mr. Courtneidge laid down on re-opening the Queen's with a revival of "The Dairymaids," has proved quite successful. Ladies now yield on compulsion—the condition on which they obtain their seats—the concession they so long and stubbornly refused to courtesy.

Miss Lena Ashwell's series of matinee performances at the Kingsway for the production of new one-act plays will commence on Tuesday, May 19, with a quadruple bill, consisting of "The Latch," by Mrs. W. K. Clifford, played by Mr. Norman McKinnel and Miss Constance Collier; "The Whirligig," by Mrs. Eva Anstruther, in which Miss Marion Terry will appear; "Charlotte on Bigamy," by Mr. E. A. Parry; and "A Nocturne," by Mr. A. P. Wharton.

Intending playwrights, and some, indeed, whose pieces are already acted, might find their advantage in taking a lesson in dramatic construction from the ingenious light comedies of Ludovic Halevy, who at 74 years of age went over to the majority last Friday at Paris.

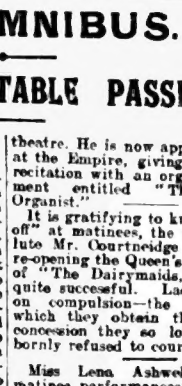
Residents in the Midlands are complaining through the Press, that Mr. Pinero in his new play, "The Thunderbolt," gives a misleading portrayal of middle class life in provincial towns as typified by the mean and sordid characters of his story. But the resolute dramatist is the last man to alter his plays once they are produced, as shown by several past instances communicated to the public.

Mr. Leo Trevor's new play for Mr. Cyril Maude, now in rehearsal at The Playhouse, is entitled "The Flag Lieutenant." Until this piece is ready for production "Pro Tem." gives place to a few performances on revival of "Toddles."

The Lyceum management have just presented to their audience a beautiful souvenir commemorative of the 100th performance of "Romeo and Juliet," which is still filling the theatre nightly as well as at matinées.

The 24th annual dinner of the Playgoers' Club took place last Sunday at the Hotel Cecil, and among the guests present were Mr. Cyril Maude and Miss Winifred Emery, Judge Parry, and Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C. Mr. Maude, in responding to the toast of "The Drama," advised his listeners with grim humour to be supporters of the Institution, but not as managers.

PIPER PAN.



It must be quite 20 years since I had been to a performance of Balfe's "Bohemian Girl" until last Saturday, when I renewed my acquaintance with the still popular opera at the Coronet Theatre, under the auspices of the Moody-Manners' company. I found much of the music charming, and it was a treat to hear "Marble Halls" sung with such great beauty of voice and clear articulation by Miss Kate Anderson, who, however, was in many respects far too "modern" in her impersonation of the heroine.

I have never heard a more artistic rendering of "The Heart Bowed Down" than that given by Mr. Wm. Drever, whose fine voice was displayed to perfection by the sustained melody of the song. I thoroughly enjoyed, too, Mr. Chas. Manners' splendid singing of "In Cellar Cool," which he interpolated in the last act, and had to repeat in response to an irresistible encore.

On the whole, however, I cannot say that "The Bohemian Girl" came up to the romantic remembrances of youth; the plot seems to-day old-fashioned and of the penny-dreadful style. But Saturday's audience—a very large one—apparently enjoyed it immensely, and it is pretty generally known that the "Girl" is always a safe card in operatic management.

Promenade concerts, it would seem, are not a form of entertainment suitable for this time of year, for I notice that the season at St. James's Hall terminates on May 23. I fancy there are too many other attractions on. As a rule promenade concerts are given in the late summer or early autumn, when no other musical performances are taking place in the Metropolis, and there are few entertainments of any kind to patronise; also no social functions.

I see it is suggested that the audiences at the band concerts, now in full swing in the London parks and open spaces, should be invited to sing during the performances. I think it is an excellent and happy idea, making for both the health and enjoyment of the thousands of music-lovers who throng to the entertainments. For week-days a good popular song or chorus, and on Sundays a well-known stirring hymn, played by the bandsmen would soon make the people present join in.

I expect there will be a huge audience at the Royal Albert Hall for the Empire Day concert on May 23. The attractions of the programme are sufficiently great in themselves, then there is the splendid cause for which the concert is being given, and the almost certain presence of their Majesties the King and Queen, and many other members of the Royal family.

I hear that the concert Mme. Melba is giving for the poor of London, in celebration of her twentieth season at Covent Garden, will take place next month. The Australian prima donna will hand the proceeds to the Lord Mayor to dispose of at his discretion. Opera-goers are looking forward to Mme. Melba's re-entry at the Royal Opera on Tuesday as Mimi in "La Bohème," one of her finest rôles.

WILL WORKMAN.

Thanks to a reader of this column —"F.W.G." —Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P., the financial expert - in chief of the Free Trade and Socialist parties, a fortnight ago gave to the readers of "The Morning Leader" an attempted annihilation of my reply to a leaflet issued by "The Daily News" on prices and wages in Berlin and London. Unfortunately for "F.W.G.'s" love of fair play he did not appraise me of Mr. Money's article, and I am compelled to conclude he did not wish for a rejoinder.

All the same, I got Mr. Money's piece of jugglery and shall show my readers how transparent is its sophistry. It is significant of much that Mr. Money does not deny the rates of German wages which I gave a month ago from the Board of Trade Returns; even he cannot deny those figures, and as they made mincemeat of "The Daily News'" 24s. average in Berlin and 42s. average in London, and the 72 hours' week in Berlin and the 48 hours' week in London, it is perfectly futile to refer to CD 1761 for a contradiction of the figures given from CD 3120 of three years later date.

"But," says Mr. Money, "the most effective answer to 'The People' is the official analysis of Berlin incomes," to which he now adds similar figures for Prussia. Let us examine these figures. We learn that out of 2,040,000 Berliners in 1906 600,900 are earning over £45 per year. Now, taking the usual figures of five to every family, this means that out of the 2,040,000 given 408,000 are women, 1,224,000 minors, and only 408,000 male heads of families; so that, besides these fathers of families, there are 192,900 who are also earning £45 or over per year.

Suppose we apply the same test to London and place its population at 6,120,000—three times that of Berlin—will Mr. Money's Socialistic coadjutor (Mr. P. Snowden) agree that 1,802,700 of them are earning £45 or more per year? Will he agree that the average earnings of 1,802,700 Londoners is £145 per year as in Berlin? Will he agree, using the same figures for the United Kingdom, that out of our 44,000,000 people 12,920,000 of them are earning an average wage of £145 per year? And I guess not.

Fortunately, Mr. Money himself supplies evidence to the contrary, as anyone will find who takes the trouble to read his "Riches and Poverty." Now let us look at his figures for the whole of Prussia. The first thing which surprises one is that for Berlin Mr. Money should give the figures for 1906, but for the whole of Prussia (in which return the Berlin figures are included) not later than 1903. Had he have turned to Consul-General Swabach's report for 1906, he would have got the figures for 1906, but as my readers will see, they are not to his liking.

On page 6 of that report we learn the following:

Income Taxpayers in Prussia on £45 and Over.

Year.	Payers.	Aggregate Income.	Increase of Taxpayers.	Increase Income.
1892	2,437,886	£290,069,882		
1906	4,675,199	£536,286,854	+ 92p.c	+ 80p.c.

Thus we see that by bringing the figures up to date we get 1,241,711 additional income-tax payers, or over 36 per cent. more than Mr. Money gives, and that their average earnings were nearly £115 per annum, less than the average of Berlin, but still sufficiently large as to make Mr. Money's figures look silly.

We see then that out of about 7,500,000 Prussian families 4,675,199 average £115 per year, and only 2,824,800 below 17s.—too large a number, it is true; but are we any better off? What of our 1,000,000 agricultural labourers, our underpaid railway men, and unskilled labourers in every industry, whose weekly wage range from 12s. to 21s., and whose actual annual earnings, owing to weather, sickness, unemployment, etc., will not reach £45 per year? They will at least form as large a percentage of our population as do the 17s. families in Prussia. To quote Mr. Money, "These figures are conclusive evidence" that he has unearthed another "mare's nest."

Another piece of mystification of this same writer was given last week in which, using the figures of unemployment in New York State, he applied them to the whole of America, and boldly declared that last year over 18 per cent. were constantly unemployed, and in December last "one out of three" were out of work. As this is quite a common statement of the Free Importer, it may be as well to deal with it fully, and for that reason I refer my readers to the recently published Consular Report No. 3,969, written by Mr. Seymour Bell, our Commercial Agent in America.

This is what he tells us: "1907 was a year of great activity and deep depression. During the earlier months all industries were exceedingly busy, and mills working at their utmost capacity. Wages were at their highest." Wages were high owing to scarcity of labour; labour in such demand that even with the addition of 1,200,000 immigrants (he puts them at 1,332,354 on page 6) it was necessary to employ inefficient workers at good wages."

Then came the panic which he tells us "was entirely financial," with the result that "the number of unemployed at the beginning of this year is large," but he tells us "it must not be forgotten that the farmers who form the backbone of American prosperity have not been affected by the financial situation, and that a country producing crops valued at £1,500,000,000 is unlikely to suffer long from industrial stagnation."

Dealing with labour, he states—"Labour, on the whole, had a satisfactory year; there was a considerable shortage, and all new arrivals had no difficulty in finding work. These were so sure of their jobs that they did not exert themselves to keep their places, and discharged workmen had no difficulty in securing an equally good job elsewhere." "And yet," says Mr. Money, "one in three were out of work!"

In his Budget statement Mr. Asquith revived the bogey of "Tory extravagance." Well, in the last ten years of Unionism the average national income was about £139,000,000 yearly, the last three years average £152,800,000, and the three years of Radicalism is £156,500,000. True, the war deficits of the Unionist party were £158,000,000, but then war is war, and always extremely expensive.

Mr. Asquith told us that in the last three Unionist years the National Debt was reduced by £27,500,000, and during his three years by £46,700,000. After deducting the extra £11,000,000 of his income he is left with £8,200,000 more paid off than under Unionism; but what Mr. Asquith did not tell us was that under the last three years of Unionism the Army and Navy cost £201,000,000 against only £176,000,000 under Mr. Asquith's rule. In other words, he has been paying off the National Debt by starving our defensive forces.

Another point worthy of consideration is that although, according to "The Daily News," the Liberal party came into office with £26,650,000 of new war taxes existing, yet in spite of all their promises they have only dispensed with a little over £7,000,000 of it. For the Unionists to collect these taxes in 1905 was, vide Mr. J. M. Robertson, M.P., "a fraud and a deceit upon the people." For the Liberals to collect them is a proof of efficiency and economy!

BUCKLAND JUNIOR.

Several specimens have reached me this week for identification and notice. They include a giant grasshopper, a Julus worm or millepede, and a water shrew. For the fine specimen of grasshopper I am indebted to a correspondent of Barberton, South Africa. It will be remembered that some few weeks ago I received through the kindness of the same gentleman a similar specimen (Clonia rahlbergi), and a description was then given. At the same time I received seeds of two South African plants. These were handed to two gardeners. One lot, I regret to state, were destroyed by rats; but the others, when I last heard, were springing up, and it is hoped that they will eventually bloom.

The Julus worms—or snake millipedes, as they are often known—are of several species. The specimen sent, Julus terrestis, and to which, so far as I am aware, no popular name to distinguish it from the others has been assigned, is the largest of British species, measuring about an inch in length. The body is cylindrical, and is of a shiny dark lead colour. The multitude of legs (about 150 in number) are of odiferous colour, and seem to form a fringe to the under part of the body. Like the earth-worm the body is composed of a large number of segments, and the last but one of these is furnished with a small spike.

The millipedes do a great deal of damage to various plants, but, besides attacking these, they feed upon slugs, small snails, insects, and many vegetable substances. It may interest those who possess gardens, and are bothered by these pests, to be informed that a mixture of soot and water will either kill or drive them away.

The water-shrew is the largest of the British shrews, measuring when adult about five inches in length, the tail being about two-thirds of the whole length. The upper side is of a blackish grey, and white beneath, and the tail is fringed with long hairs on the lower side. The outer ears are small, and can scarcely be noticed in the long fur. The eyes are small and the snout is broader and shorter than the common shrew. When swimming the large hind feet are used as paddles, while the tail acts as a rudder; the front paws are seldom used except to aid in turning.

The water-shrew, although occasionally found at a considerable distance from water, spends most of its time in the banks of backwaters, brooks, ditches, and ponds. When in the water it is exceedingly active, and if one can get close without disturbing them, for they are very timorous creatures and make off at the least sign of danger, the rapidity of their various movements is surprising. For its food it scours the bottoms of the streams, turning over the stones in search of small crustaceans and water insects. Small fish and fresh-water shrimps also form part of its diet, and when on land it lives on small terrestrial insects.

The long, winding burrows made by them in the banks, besides serving as dwelling-places during the greater part of the year, are also used during the spring as a nest. At the end of the burrow, which, as a rule, has at least two entrances—one driven upwards from below the surface of the water and another leading upwards and serving as an air-shaft—is a larger chamber. This the female (slightly smaller than the male) lines with grass, and about May five or six young are born.

The water-shrew is fairly common throughout England and Wales, but, owing to its aquatic habits, is seldom found. In Scotland it is rare, and is unknown in Ireland. It is also found across Central Asia as far as the Altai mountains of Siberia.

The smallest British mammal is the lesser or pigmy shrew, which measures but little over three inches in length from nose to end of tail, the body and tail being of nearly equal length. The general colour is brown above and greyish-white below. The number of young produced is generally five or six, and are usually born during May. In its distribution in the British Isles it differs from the water species, for whereas the latter is not found in Ireland or the Hebrides this is where the lesser-shrew is most abundant. In the southern counties it is occasionally found, but as we go further north so it becomes more rare.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens for the week ending May 10 include:—Mammals: 1 common macaque, 1 suricate, 1 hybrid Somali ass (born), 1 common squirrel, 1 black-headed lemur, 1 gibbon, 1 ruffed lemur, and 3 Grevy's zebras. Birds: 1 tawny owl, 1 blue and yellow macaw, 1 Lovaillant's amazon, 1 common widgeon, 1 pintail, 1 Chukar partridge, 1 green-billed toucan, 2 Mexican jays, 2 red-crowned pigeons, and 2 Madagascar porphyrios. Reptiles: 1 rough terrapin, 1 Pennsylvanian terrapin, and 1 Algerian tortoise.

In the foregoing list will be noticed three Grevy's zebras. These are the largest and most handsome of the zebras, and may be distinguished by their greater size, fine narrow stripes and large ears. The body colour, as in the true or mountain zebra, is pure white, but the stripes are much more numerous, and they also possess a black dorsal stripe. The Grevy zebra is a native of the southern parts of Abyssinia and the adjoining districts of Somaliland. The first specimen to be imported into Europe was in 1882, and found its way to Paris, where it was named, and although during the last two years several have been shown on the continent, the Grevy zebra is still regarded as a valuable acquisition to any menagerie.

OLD IZAAK.

Thames anglers have at last a prospect of sport among the trout if fine weather prevails, and at the time of writing the water is settling down, and becoming in every way suitable for fishing. Walton's face is in a capital trim, and several nice trout have been taken in the Hertford district. A few have also been had from the Mole, Kennet and Colne. The Midland rivers are in better order, and the outlook is more promising all round.

Sea anglers have been successful at several south coast stations. Codling and other fish have been caught at Deal, and quantities of dog fish, rock whiting and flat fish at Brighton. The Bognor Amateur A.S. have deep sea competitions to-day (Sunday) and also on Wednesday next, which will be continued on the same days of next week, and at Southend, where some fine flounders and flat fish generally are being landed. The local association hold a boat competition on May 21.

It will interest readers to know that a fresh water angling society is likely to be formed at Allahabad, in India, from whence a correspondent appeals to me for information as to the working of angling clubs at home. I am assured there is an excellent but somewhat neglected piece of water there holding many fine fish, and from which a rohn (a species of giant carp, if I mistake not) of the record weight of 84lb. has been taken. Such a water deserves to be looked after and preserved, and I trust before long to chronicle the establishment of an angling club in the locality.

Rarely have the Epsom anglers had so enjoyable an evening as on the occasion of their 17th annual dinner and prize distribution, held last week at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Epsom, under the genial chairmanship of their esteemed president, Mr. J. Tryon. The unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Keswick, M.P., Mr. F. W. Coles (the society's respected former president), and several other friends, was greatly regretted. Mr. Tryon, responding to the toast of the society, stated that it was never more flourishing than now. Its membership was increasing, and, thanks to the kindness of one of their vice-presidents, they would in future be privileged to fish a further stretch of water. The health of the president and chairman, proposed by Mr. E. B. Jay, was enthusiastically received, and that of the vice-president and visitors, given by Mr. A. C. Williams, to which "Old Izaak" replied, was accorded a hearty welcome. Mr. M. Turner responded for the prize-givers, the Thames Preservation box was passed round, and a capital musical selection by Mr. Glenister, Mr. G. Macklin, Mr. A. Wilson, and others, added greatly to the pleasures of the evening, which closed with the National Anthem.

A goodly company assembled at the 32nd annual dinner of the Anchor and Hope A.S., held at its headquarters, the Woolpack, Bermondsey-st., S.E., whereat "Old Izaak" (president) occupied the chair. Mr. Councillor G. H. Shepherd ably officiated as vice-chairman, and Mr. W. Davies (president St. Albans A.S.), Mr. S. Thatcher (chairman Oglander A.S.), and other well-known anglers attended.—Mr. W. J. Wade (hon. sec.) responding for "The Society," said it was increasing in numbers, had a capital prize list, and some good fish had been taken during the year. The health of the "President" was given with much enthusiasm, and some excellent music by Mr. Stephen Moorcroft, T. Foster, Wal Robbins, G. W. Roberts, and others, was discoursed. Great credit is due to Messrs. C. Cannar and J. Hobbs (stewards) for the excellent arrangements made. The dinner was of the best, and the proceedings (enjoyable throughout) closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

The splendid model of a salmon, killed some time since by Mr. F. B. Mildmay, M.P., and presented by him to the City of London Piscatorial Society, of which he is president, now adorns their museum at Mason's Hall Tavern, was shown for the first time at the society's recent supper, presided over by Mr. E. P. Beaumont. Mr. Martin's paper, read at the following meeting, was most entertaining, and for which he was heartily thanked. The society pays a visit to the Natural History Museum on Saturday afternoon, May 23, which is sure to be enjoyable. The Gresham Angling Society announce a paper entitled, "A Tour in Scotland," by the Rev. Father Mayer, to be read at their meeting at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-st., on Tuesday next, May 19, at which a large attendance may be anticipated.

The 15th annual dinner of the Chiswick Piscatorials (of which Mr. Leopold de Rothschild is president) was held at the Town Hall, Chiswick, under the able chairmanship of Mr. Benjamin Hardy, Mr. D. D. Heath occupying the vice-chair. Mr. J. Clapp (one of the most successful of anglers) responding to the toast of the society, incidentally referred to the club's record "catch of the season," 70 roach weighing 81lb. taken by himself from the Hampshire Avon. The customary toasts were all fully honoured, and an excellent musical programme gone through. The Barnes and Mortlake A.S. scored with their first annual dinner, just held at the Edinburgh Castle, Whitehorse-lane, Barnes. The entertainment was of the best, and the report showed the society to be flourishing, with a capital prize list and some good sportsmen in its ranks. Mr. J. J. Booth (hon. sec.), who is unceasing in his efforts for the society's welfare, was the recipient of a handsome reel, reel, and rest, subscribed for by the members in appreciation of his work.

Another success was that of the annual dinner of the St. Albans A.S. at the Rising Sun, Princes-rd., Kennington Cross, Mr. W. Davies, who presided, being supported by Councillor Shepherd and many leading members of the fraternity. There was a big attendance and some excellent music, together with a record prize list for the coming year, and the proceedings were of an enthusiastic character throughout. The Collingwood A.S. held its annual dinner at its headquarters, the Lord Nelson Nelson-sq., Blackfriars, on Monday last, and so good a society can but have added to its laurels. The annual dinner of the New Albion Piscatorials is fixed for Thursday next, May 21, at the Rockingham, Newington Causeway, over which Mr. G. Cole will preside, and the Barnsbury Angling Society have their annual concert and prize distribution at the Hemingford Arms, Hemingford-rd., N., on the same evening. Both are sure to be well patronised by the craft.

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Eastward and northward, as far as the vision can reach,
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Open to all who inquire what the lesson may be.

Brilliant and blue is the ocean of either o'erhead,
Sloping afar with the ocean of water to blend.
Surely a lesson full easy of all to be read,
Here in the peace of the graveyard alone with the dead,
Heaven stooping down to the help of mankind at the end.

Most of the tombstones around me the same story tell,
Stories of men who were drowned at their toil in the deep,
Lost in the smacks that go out to the Dogger Bank's swell,
Lost in the roar of the billows for funeral knell,
Leaving their parents, or wives with their children to weep.

Few are the family names—scarce, perhaps, half-a-score,
Time after time one may find them engraved on the stone,
Telling of sorrow repeated just here on the shore
Homes that have suffered not once, but twice, thrice—even more,
'Tis not the dead, but the living who now are alone.

And in the corner there rises a storm-riven mast,
Sculptured in stone, with its sail cloth and cordage all frayed,
Telling the tale of a wreck years ago in the past,
Telling of heroes who went to save life in the blast,
And all at peace in the little God's acre are laid.

Who has forgotten the heroes of Calster who died—
Lifeboatmen drowned in the effort to cope with the waves,
Billows o'er which not a lifeboat in safety could ride,
True to each other in life, and now laid side by side—
Is not their memory fresh as the flowers on their graves?

Still I can mark where the line of the infinite sky,
Blends with the line of the blue of the infinite sea,
And I can fancy how God, when these men came to die,
Stretched down his arms, with a "Fear not, my lads, it is I"—
May it be so in the future with you and with me!

MADGE ST. MAURY.

Calster-on-Sea, May 13, 1908.

GIRL'S FATAL HEROISM.

A girl named Baker, aged seven, lost her life near Lydd, Kent, after rescuing a younger sister from drowning. The latter fell into a sewer, and although the little heroine jumped in and rescued her she was too exhausted herself to get out, and was drowned.

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WOMAN MURDERED.

AN ARREST AFTER LONG POLICE HUNT.

After a strenuous hunt extending over four days, the police effected the arrest of Albt. Ernest Howroyd, aged 23, labourer, of Middlesbrough, whom they "wanted" in connection with the murder, in the early hours of last Sunday morning, of Laura Hughes. Det. Scott, of Middlesbrough, traced Howroyd to Darlington and ascertained that from there he was making his way north. The officer proceeded to Newcastle, and showed the local police a portrait of the wanted man. Det.-sergt. Winterburn was in Collingwood-st. when he saw a man answering to Howroyd's description and arrested him. When spoken to and arrested him. When spoken to the man admitted he was Howroyd, and said he had tramped from Darlington and had not long been in Newcastle. Later in the day he was removed to Middlesbrough.

A Brutal Crime.

The crime was a particularly brutal one, and resembled, in many ways, the Camden Town murder, which was so much in the public eye a short time ago. It is stated that Hughes—a married woman separated from her

ALBERT ERNEST HOWROYD

husband—was on the Saturday night seen in a local public-house drinking with a man, whom, it is further alleged, subsequently accompanied her home. Later on cries and shrieks were heard, but as this is not uncommon in the neighbourhood, which is one of the Middlesbrough slums, no notice was taken, although a man was seen to leave the house.

Tragic Discovery.

Early the next morning a neighbour, for some reason or other, entered the house and made the terrible discovery. Lying on the floor, weltering in her own blood, lay the body of Mrs. Hughes. From the state of the room it was obvious that her struggle for life had been a fierce one, and the reason for the midnight cries was at once apparent. When discovered she was absolutely dead, and the whole of her clothing had been torn off during the desperate affray. The police at first had practically no clue to work on, but subsequently evidence came into their possession which threw grave suspicion on Howroyd, who has been arrested.

The Police Theory.

The theory of the police as to the crime was told in the police court later in the week, when Howroyd was charged with the murder.—The murdered woman (said Chief Constable Riches) was 30 years of age, and had been separated from her husband for about four years. She rented a cottage in Argyle-st. For two years a man named Harry Holmes had lived with her. He spent Saturday afternoon in her company, and later was with another woman. The two went to the Alexandra Hotel shortly before eight. Howroyd came into the room and paid for drinks. Later Howroyd, Mrs. Hughes and Holmes visited the Leviathan Hotel together. Howroyd left with Mrs. Hughes to go to market, Holmes staying at the Leviathan.

Accompanied Her Home.

Afterwards all three were at the Talbot Hotel together, leaving just before closing time. Holmes left prisoner and the woman together in the street going towards Argyle-st. "I think I shall be able to prove without a doubt," went on the chief constable, "that a man not Holmes accompanied the deceased home, entering by the back door. This man shortly after came out at the front door, asked a neighbour for a match, and went back into the house. Some time later screams were heard, but no notice was taken of them. In the meantime Holmes had been to the house, but found the doors locked, and went away. Returning soon after he opened the front door and went in. He found deceased on the sofa

In a Nude Condition.

He lifted her head, covering his hands with blood. Alarmed, he said something to the neighbours, and then went to the police station and gave information."—The house showed evidence of a great struggle. The body was lying with the left side of the head badly battered and numerous stabs on the left side of the throat. Near it was found a glass partly filled with stout, and a bottle with a label bearing the name of the house where prisoner and deceased had last been together. Underneath the body, covered with blood, was a man's boot for the right foot. It was not till Tuesday afternoon that the identity of the man seen with Mrs. Hughes was established. The police visited prisoner's house, and there received a man's boot for the left foot, blood-stained.

A Boot Clue.

That for the right foot was not to be found.—The chief constable said he would prove that the man who left deceased's house was wearing only one boot, and that on the left foot. He would also prove that prisoner arrived home between 12.15 and 12.30 on Sunday morning, and left again the same morning shortly after five, ostensibly to go to work.—Remanded.

NOT WANTED HERE.

ALIEN PREACHERS TO BE EXPELLED.

Prince Chas. Allen, Louisa Horton, Silvia Gonga, and Mary Jordan all coloured natives of the United States appeared before Mr. Garrett, at West London, on summonses taken out by the Fulham Board of Guardians to show cause why an expulsion order under the Aliens Act should not be made against them by reason of the fact that within 12 months of landing in this country they had during the past three months received parochial relief. Defendants were a band of Gospel preachers, who had been very prominent in Fulham lately, conducting services at street corners. Allen, the chief of the mission, was garbed in a long military-looking cloak with brass buttons, while one of the women had round her waist a red belt which bore the words

"Faith—Hope—Charity."

With the party was a black-eyed little girl who regarded the proceedings with merriment.—Mr. Rbt. Harrison, the relieving officer, stated that a fortnight ago Allen, his wife Annie, and his two children, Habbakuk and Cephus, applied for outdoor relief. He said he was a native of Louisiana, and arrived at Liverpool on May 23, 1907, from San Francisco. He told them he was a preacher of the Gospel, and that he came over to preach the Gospel in the same way as they did in America—going from town to town preaching—and maintaining themselves by work. They found, however, that they could not do that in this country. The guardians, added Mr. Harrison, were quite willing to keep defendants until all the arrangements for their deportation were complete.—Expulsion order granted.

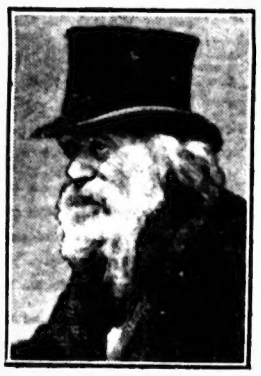
CLAIM BY A RECTOR.

COST OF PREPARING SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

In the Westminster County Court the Rev. Marcus L. W. Johnson, of Thelveton Rectory, Scole, Norfolk, brought an action against Mr. C. Griffiths to recover £53 for preparing Scripture lessons.—Mr. Basil Watson, counsel for plaintiff, said Mr. Griffiths engaged Mr. Johnson to write what was practically a digest of the Scriptures, agreeing to pay £50. The odd £3 of the claim was for stationery. Plaintiff did the work, and had not received a penny for it; in fact he was out of pocket over it.—The defence was that payment was only to be made as the work was published in parts, but defendant had made an offer to pay plaintiff for his work, although there had been no publication.—Mr. Watson (cross-examining defendant): Are you a philanthropist or a publisher?—Defendant: Same thing. (Laughter.)—In re-examination defendant said the position he took before coming into court was that he was willing to pay, but not to publish.—Judgment was given for the plaintiff, with costs.

OLDEST NEWSBOY.

We reproduce here a photo of Ben Witherden, who claims to be the oldest newsboy in London. He is 80 years of age, and has sold papers in the Edgware-rd. for nearly 40 years, winter and summer. He states he has seen some great changes in his career with regard to newspapers, seeing the birth and also the death



BEN WITHERDEN
[Photo, Advance.

of a great number. In spite of his great age "Ben" can always be seen, hail, snow or sunshine, at his post in the early hours of the morning.

NAMELESS PROSECUTRIX.

STRANGE SEQUEL TO A CASUAL MEETING.

At Bow-st. Jas. Goodchild, 25, and Mary Ann Goodchild, 36, were charged, on remand, with stealing a purse belonging to a fashionably-dressed young woman, who declined, as already reported, to make public her name, address, or occupation.—According to prosecutrix's story she met the female prisoner in a wine shop, and accompanied her to her home in Edgware-rd., where they had tea together. She was there introduced to the male prisoner. After tea prisoners and prosecutrix drove in a hansom to Knightsbridge, and afterwards went to Whitehall. On arriving at Whitehall prosecutrix missed her purse, which contained 10s. in silver and coppers, and spoke to a policeman. It was alleged that the female prisoner dropped prosecutrix's purse behind her. When it was picked up it only contained twopence, whereas, according to prosecutrix, 10 shillings in silver and coppers should have been inside. According to the female prisoner's story prosecutrix went with them to Knightsbridge Barracks to get some money from Viscount "Somebody," who, however, was not there.—Both prisoners said that there was no foundation for the charge, and Det.-sergt. Womack said that they both bore excellent characters.—It was stated that the man had no money when he was arrested, and that the woman had only 2s. 3d. in her pocket.—Mr. Marsham said he was not prepared to say that prisoners were guilty, and discharged them.

A SAD HONEYMOON.

DISPUTE OVER THE DOCTOR'S BILL.

A painful sequel to a honeymoon at Eastbourne was disclosed in the course of a case heard in the City of London Court, before his Honour, Judge Rentoul, K.C. Dr. C. O'Brien Harding, ex-Mayor of Eastbourne, Chiswick-place, Eastbourne, sued Mr. Eugene C.A. Sharrer, Abchurch-lane, E.C., for £80 6s. 6d. for medical attendances on his son and daughter-in-law.—Mr. Douglas Hogg appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Frank Dodd for defendant.—Plaintiff said that in July last defendant's son went with his wife on their honeymoon to the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne. After being there for a few days he developed pneumonia, and plaintiff was called in. As the son's condition was serious his father was communicated with, and he said he would be responsible for the medical fees. The young man was more or less a morphomaniac, and medical consultants were called in, whom defendant had paid. Unfortunately, the young man died, and his widow was also attended by plaintiff at defendant's request, she being absolutely prostrate

An Expensive Time.

—A chemist who supplied drugs and oxygen to the son had been paid £60 by defendant, who, however, now refused to pay plaintiff's charges, which it was said were fair and reasonable. He charged half a guinea per day visit, and £1 1s. after seven p.m., as was usual. The last day he was with the young man for eight hours.—Defendant said he sent his son and daughter-in-law £25 a week when he became seriously ill, and he paid other bills besides. He had paid in all £250 for his son's illness, spread over about three or four weeks, and that sum ought to have been enough with which to pay plaintiff's bill. His son only had £300 to £400 a year, and ought to have been removed from an expensive hotel, to which he only went for a few days.—Plaintiff said that was impossible when he was called in.

The Judge's Sympathy.

—Judge Rentoul, K.C., said it was not foolishly extravagant, as had been suggested, for a young man to go to an expensive hotel when on his honeymoon, even if his means were not very large. It was what many men did for a few days. Defendant's son was unfortunately overtaken by illness, and could not be moved to less expensive quarters. Plaintiff was entirely unjustified in calling the young fellow a morpho-maniac, as there was no evidence that he had taken morphia before plaintiff administered it. While he did not say plaintiff's charges were unreasonable, he thought the justice of the case would be met by giving judgment for plaintiff for £60 and costs. He would probably have made it less if defendant had not offered that sum some time ago. He was very sorry for defendant in his misfortunes in losing his son.

SKIDDING 'BUSES.

SEQUEL TO A MISHAP IN THE CITY.

The Court of Appeal, consisting of Sir Gorell Barnes and Lord Justices Moulton and Farwell, heard the case of the City of London Electric Lighting Co. (Ltd.), against the Vanguard Motor Bus Co. (Ltd.).—The plaintiffs sued originally for damage done on June 15 and 25 to an electric light standard in Threadneedle-st., knocked down by a Vanguard omnibus owing to its having skidded.—Mr. Justice Ridley held that there was no evidence to go to the jury of negligence respecting the accident upon the date last named.—Mr. Roskill, for the plaintiffs, said that his contention was that if a motor omnibus was found liable to skid when the road was wet, it ought not to go out in wet weather. He contended that Mr. Justice Ridley had misdirected the jury, because he ought to have told them that the plaintiffs were entitled to the verdict if the machine was calculated to get out of control.—It was admitted that the cause of the accident was the skidding of the motor omnibuses.—Their lordships intimated that, in their view, the verdict was unsatisfactory, and they must set it aside as a whole and order a new trial on the whole case. They also directed that the costs of the first trial and of the appeal should be left to be dealt with by the judge at the second trial.

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DETACHMENT OF THE WEST AFRICAN REGIMENT MARCHING BAREFOOT THROUGH THE STREETS OF LONDON.
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AFTER SIX MONTHS.

NEWLY-MARRIED COUPLE SEPARATED.

A painfully sad story of a young couple's matrimonial infelicity was told at Richmond when Arthur Jas. Bobbett, whose father manages the Lemon Tree public-house, St. Martin's-lane, Charing Cross, was summoned by his wife for persistent cruelty, causing her to live separately from him. Mr. Whiteley said that the young couple were only married in September last, at Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, and even on the honeymoon, within three days of the wedding, the husband threatened to shoot his wife. They were in Paris at the time, and the wife refused to go to the theatre with her husband and some other people.

In the Middle of the Night

defendant got into a violent temper and said he would shoot his wife and himself. On their return to Richmond, where they opened a fruiterer's shop, the cruelty continued. They went to see defendant's father one night, and because the wife did not eat much supper he threatened on the way back in the train to throw her and himself out. In October he wrote a letter, and on the envelope put, "To those whom it may concern when we are dead." Defendant then went into the kitchen, sharpened a table-knife, came back, and said he was going to kill his wife. He had the knife in his waist-coat pocket, and complainant after a struggle got it away from him, the servant coming in and putting an end to the scene. On several other occasions the husband had tried to strangle his wife, and it was a question whether defendant was altogether sane, for he got into

Violent Fits of Passion

and did not know what he was doing.—The wife bore out counsel's statement, as did two servants, who said, however, they had not seen the husband strike his wife.—Mr. O'Connor, for the defence, called special attention to a letter defendant had written to his wife before the separation proceedings came to a head. It said:—

Dear Wife,—I would rather lose my life than hurt a hair of your head. Why? Because I love you, and always have, and always shall, no matter what happens . . . I look forward to the time when I shall hold you and give you a kiss, and hear you say you still love me. Why can't we live happy together without outside influence? It it was not for other people we should be as happy as two doves. My heart is breaking for you, and I am certain it can't go on much longer. Fancy and think of the child, and what a prospect it has in front of it. Of course if your love for me is dead and gone, and in its place hate, I can do nothing but go away and try to forget, but I know I shall never do that. You are my wife, and I love you still. Good-bye, dear. God bless and protect you always.—Your broken-hearted husband, BERTIE.

The Mother-in-Law.

—Defendant, on oath, denied the cruelty, and said that any trouble that had arisen was due to the interference of his wife's relatives. While the honeymoon was in progress the relatives tried to borrow money from his father and himself, and his mother-in-law was always coming to their house and telling him how to conduct his affairs. She and her daughter were always coming round, and once actually came into his room when he was in bed, and would not leave. He had to dress before them all. But for her interference he would have lived happily with his wife, whom he still loved.—Arthur Bobbett, sen., of the Lemon Tree, Charing Cross, said that on the wedding-day complainant's mother was regretting the marriage, saying her daughter was the mainstay of her business.—The bench decided there had been persistent cruelty, but also considerable aggravation. Accordingly they granted a separation, with 25s. a week allowance. It would have been more but for the relatives' interference with the couple.

INTERESTING RELIC.

Mrs. Adams, the widow of the Rev. J. W. Adams, V.C., an Army chaplain, has presented a portable altar table to the parish of Stow, near Downham Market. Mr. Adams carried this altar table from Kabul to Kandahar when Earl Roberts made his famous march. Mrs. Adams has also given the parish the credence table which her husband used in the same campaign. The articles, together with a font removed from the parish church during the reign of Charles I., which for the last 50 years has been doing duty as a flower-pot in the rectory gardens, are to be placed in a new mission church now in course of erection.

Recognising the awkwardness of fixing identification numbers of four figures to motor-cycles, the L.C.C. is adopting the novel plan of reserving all the numbers under 1,000 in its new "L B" series for cycles, and allotting all the high numbers to cars.

ATHLETE AND GIRL.

FAMOUS RUNNER AND HIS BABY.

The streams that wander side by side,
At last united run.
May our two hearts together seek
Be united into one

The above quotation was read in court at Linton (Cambs.), when Lawrence Drysdale, the well-known East Anglian flat and cross-country runner, who holds several championships, was ordered to contribute 5s. a week towards the maintenance of the illegitimate child of Sarah E. Tarbitt, a single woman, of Hinxton. Drysdale is a Scotsman, living with his father, a farmer, at Langley, Essex, and Mr. Wootten, who prosecuted, said the facts of the case were that complainant was a girl living with her father at Hinxton, and she had been intimate and friendly with defendant. Their friendship strengthened into courtship, and the pair were looked upon as an engaged couple by their own friends and relatives during the whole course of this tame. The couple met each other on

Every Possible Occasion

when business would permit. Defendant was well known for his success in running circles, and complainant would see him run on many occasions and meet him afterwards. Defendant, having thoroughly won the affections of the girl, intimacy took place of a closer nature. Miss Tarbitt was confined of a male child on July 9. When she had discovered her condition she intimated it to defendant, who offered no denial, but hoped to do his best for her, and marriage was suggested. A quantity of letters and postcards had been written in very loving terms, and in some cases there were quotations from well-known poets. These were produced, and one postcard to the girl from Drysdale had several crosses, adding "these when we meet and more if you wish.—Laurie," while he curtly wrote on another, "Write address 'planer' next time."

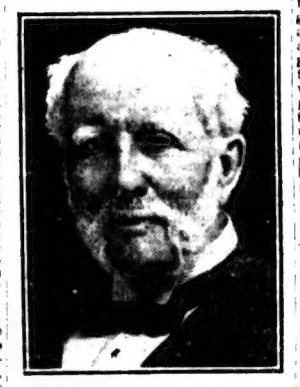
Left it to the Bench.

It was stated that Drysdale had requested a photograph of the child, but though an effort had been made to settle this matter he had at the last moment always failed to appear on a trifling excuse.—Drysdale said that he did not see any chance of defending it so left it to the magistrates to decide the sum. He was unable to say whether he owned any property in Scotland or not.—Mr. Wootten: You have heard your father say there is £1,000 to anyone marrying his daughter? I expect that's where his money's going then. (Laughter.)—The magistrates made the order named with £4 13s. costs.

LATE LORD ST. LEVAN.

AGED PEER PASSES AWAY AT EASTBOURNE.

Lord St. Levan died on Thursday night at the Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne, where he had been lying ill for some time past. Members of the family had been summoned when it was seen that the weakness of the patient, which had been increasing for a few days past, left little or no hope that he could recover, and they were present when the end came. Lord St. Levan, of St. Michael's Mount, Marazion, Cornwall, the first to bear the title, was born at Clowance, Cornwall, in 1829, and was thus in his 79th year. He was the



THE LATE LORD ST. LEVAN
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eldest son of the late Sir Edward St. Aubyn, whom he succeeded in the Baronetcy in 1866. Educated at Eton and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1852, proceeding M.A. at a later date, he married in 1856 Lady Elizabeth Clementina, second daughter of the fourth Marquis Townshend. From 1858 to 1885 Lord St. Levan, then Sir John St. Aubyn, represented West Cornwall in Parliament, and for two years following the St. Ives Division, retiring in 1887 on his elevation to the Peerage. He was Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Cornwall, Deputy Warden of the Stannaries, Mayor of Devonport from 1890 to 1892, and a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. For some years he had been honorary colonel of the 3rd (Militia) Batn. Duke of Cornwall's L.I. The King has sent a message of sympathy to the family. The funeral will take place at Mount St. Michael on Tuesday.

A DOCK ACCIDENT.

A serious accident occurred yesterday at Millbay Docks, Plymouth, where the pier is being reconstructed and covered with iron roofing. Jno. Rowe (Plymouth) and Wm. Dewdney (Devonport) were engaged on top of the shelter hauling up a roll of lead piping, weighing about one hundredweight, assisted by a fellow-workman named Boyce. The rope carrying the roll suddenly parted, and both Dewdney and Rowe fell to the ground, a distance of 20ft., while Boyce saved himself by clinging to the ladder. The two former men were removed to hospital in an unconscious condition. Dewdney recovered somewhat, but was detained, suffering from concussion. Rowe's skull was badly fractured, and he died shortly after admission to hospital.

AMAZING CAREER.

"MEDICAL SPECIALIST" SENT TO PRISON.

The amazing career of Bertram Mortimer, described as a "medical specialist," was told at Clerkenwell Sessions, when he was found guilty of stealing a Gladstone bag from Victoria Station, L.B. and S.C. Rly.—Det.-sergt. Barrett said accused for years up to 1881 was a captain in the Salvation Army at Bath, but he was allowed to resign, and for some time afterwards he went to sea as a sailor on board trading ships. In 1882 he was twice fined for assault, in 1883 was sent to prison for seven days, in 1885 to one month, and in 1892 was fined £5 for drunkenness and assaults.

Sentenced for Bigamy.

At Bristol in 1897 he received 15 months for conspiring in an unlawful offence, and in 1899, at Wells, received one year's imprisonment for bigamy. Since his release he had been travelling all over the country calling himself "Prof. Sylvester, medical specialist." His real name was Powell, but he had used various names—Browne, Fowler, Fox, Lynton, etc. He imposed on people by representing that he had discovered a speciality, a wonderful gold-dust

PROF. MORTIMER

cure. All the "cure" consisted of, apparently was to receive the fees, no remedy being supplied, and for years the Medical Defence Union had had numerous inquiries about him.

An Anti-Infidel Society.

Witness produced and read a circular sent broadcast by Mortimer, and entitled "A Revelation to Sufferers." It was further stated that at Liverpool Mortimer started an anti-infidel society, and at Bristol he was a jam manufacturer. He was brought up under a Home Office order, having been committed for trial at Swansea on other charges.—Mr. Wallace, K.C., ordered him 15 months in the second division, and said he assumed that sentence would put an end to the proceedings.—Mortimer's son, described as "Herbert Sylvester, physician," accused of having been concerned in the theft of the bag, was acquitted.

"HEAVEN IS MY HOME."

THE TRAGEDY OF A MISSING BRIDEGROOM.

The discovery of the decomposed body of Arthur Thornton, 23, a shipyard labourer, in the Goole Docks, throws a new light on a strange tragedy.—Deceased was engaged to marry a Goole girl named Margaret Lewis, and the wedding was fixed to take place on Easter Sunday morning. On the previous night the young couple were together, and Thornton, who appeared quite hopeful, did not leave the house of his sweetheart's parents until after midnight, when he made the remark, "Well, I shall have to go now, as I shan't be able to lie in bed to-morrow, for I must be up early for the big event." The next morning—the wedding morning that should have been—Mr. Lewis noticed that a Union Jack, which, as is usual in shipping centres at holiday times, had been flying at the head of a mast in the back-yard, had been

REDUCED TO HALF-MAST

A few hours afterwards it became known that the prospective bridegroom had disappeared. The theory of suicide is now suggested, and it is thought that, with this in view, he might, after passing out of the front door of the Thornton's house, have gone round the back and grimly lowered the flag to half-mast. During the time that has elapsed since Easter the deceased man's mother felt that he must have done away with himself, for she stated that she had come across a copy of a letter which he addressed to his sweetheart in February, in which he wrote:—

Heaven is my home. . . . I would rather face death than go through with this. . . . Every night from now, my prayers will be for us both. I hope that the Almighty will deliver us out of this delusion . . . I am spent up now, so with a stout heart prepare at any moment to say "Heaven is my home"

THE QUEEN'S ARTIST.

Particularly sad interest attaches to the death which has just occurred of Mr. Edwd. Hughes, the well-known painter, whose portrait of Miss Whitelaw Reid has been attracting so much attention of late. Mr. Hughes, who had the distinction of being the Queen's favourite artist, had painted many royal portraits. He was only 55, and his death, which occurred at his home in Gower-st., was due to heart failure induced by influenza. By the irony of fate, a letter was received at his house on the day after his death from Miss Knollys, the Queen's lady-in-waiting, stating that her Majesty, having been asked to send her favourite portrait to the Franco-British Exhibition, had selected the picture of herself in her first Parliament robes painted by Mr. Hughes. The daughter of the dead artist, Miss Alice Hughes, is the well-known photographer.

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Vegetables.

These are at their best when just on the eve of being ripe, and when they have been grown under perfectly natural conditions. Their flavour is never so fine as when they are cooked immediately after being taken from the garden, and, should some time necessarily elapse before preparing them, they should be refreshed as much as possible. After being carefully cleansed and cleared of insects and dead leaves, cabbage and greens and such like should be in salt and water head downward till they are put to boil. If to be kept for several days, place the stalk ends of the cauliflower, asparagus, cucumbers, etc., in water as in keeping flowers fresh.

Rules for Cooking Vegetables.

A piece of soda the size of a nutmeg will preserve the colour and help to make green vegetables tender. A touch of sugar is also useful. Put all vegetables into soft boiling water, with plenty of salt; hard water injures the quality. Boil very fast, but do not cover the vessel. If boiled rapidly they are ready when they begin to sink in the boiling water, and every instant after that spoils them.

The Nettle.

The value of the common nettle is, comparatively speaking, little known; yet, gathered young and boiled as spinach, it makes an excellent vegetable. Also, it possesses wonderful medicinal qualities. The juice of the cooked nettle mixed with honey is a good remedy for catarrhal diseases, and heals sore and inflamed mouths. Bruised nettle leaves applied to the nostrils stay a bleeding nose; while an ointment composed of crushed nettle leaves and oil eases rheumatic and neuralgic pains in the joints.

Onions.

Stewed slowly for nearly an hour in broth, onions are tasty and wholesome, especially if they be covered over with a savoury white sauce made of milk, flour, and butter. They are good roasted before the fire in their skins, then peeled and served with salt and a pat of fresh butter. In the words of the poet:

There is, in every cook's opinion,
No savoury dish without an onion.
But, lest your kissing should be spoil'd,
The onion should be thoroughly boil'd!

Cheap Stew.

For this will be required 2lb. of beef, 4 onions, 10 turnips, ½lb. of rice, some parsley and thyme, pepper and salt, and 3 quarts of water. Cut the meat in slices, and, after it has simmered an hour, cut it still smaller. Finish by gently simmering two hours on a small fire. Potatoes, peas, and oatmeal may be added. This is an economical dish for a large family.

German Dish.

Put 6lb. of the thin flank of beef to 2 quarts of water, and stew for one hour in a close pan. Add the rind of 2 lemons, 4oz. of bruised cloves, 2 bay leaves, 1 dozen peppercorns in a bag, and some salt; then stew half an hour. Add 12 large sliced onions, and stew till tender. Skim off the fat and thicken the gravy, take out the spices, and serve hot. A very savoury meal.

Welsh Pudding.

Take ½lb. of chopped fresh suet, add ½lb. of grated bread, ½lb. of pounded sugar, the grated rind of a lemon, and the juice of 2 lemons. Mix all together with the whites of 2 eggs. Butter a tin with a lid, put in the pudding, and boil two hours. This is a good family pudding, and not rich.

Gingerbread.

Mix 1½lb. of flour, 4oz. of butter, 4oz. of brown sugar, ½oz. of ground ginger, and some spice. Make into a paste with 2oz. of hot treacle, shape into cakes, and bake. This is plain gingerbread, but it can be made richer by the addition of more butter, treacle, and some candied peel.

Ice Cream Cones.

Quarter of a cupful of butter, ¼ cup of sugar, ¼ cup of milk, ¼ cup of flour, and ¼ teaspoonful of vanilla essence. Make the sugar and butter into a cream, then add the milk slowly and add the flour and essence. Spread this very thin on a greased baking tin, bake until light brown, then cut into large squares and roll up, beginning at one corner. Pinch the lower end so that the cream cannot run out when its melts.

Nut Hash.

Chop up some peanuts and almonds and mix them with a cupful of stale bread-crumbs and the same quantity of hot mashed potato. Melt a pat of butter in a frying pan, turn the mixture into it, add enough hot water to moisten it, then cook slowly, adding tomato sauce at the finish. This is a favourite luncheon dish in America.

Candied Peel.

Soak the peel of lemons or oranges in salt and water, then in fresh water. Dry them and boil in a thin syrup of sugar and water until tender. Afterwards boil them again, using a thick syrup. When cold, let them dry hard for use.

Waterproofing Leather.

Dissolve half a pint of linseed oil, 1oz. beeswax, ½oz. Burgundy pitch, ½oz. spirits of turpentine over a slow fire, and apply to the leather while still warm.

Elderberry Wine.

Having gathered the ripe berries, boil them for three minutes, or till the skin bursts, and squeeze the juice through a sieve. To each quart of juice add 1lb. coarse brown sugar, boil for 40 minutes, stirring and skimming constantly. Strain through a cloth, and allow it to stand till nearly cold. Then add yeast and pour into a cask. After fermentation has taken place, put into a clean cask, into which a few chopped raisins have been thrown, and bung up. Ready in 100 days.

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THE HOME PAGE

NOTES ON DRESS, COOKERY, TOILET, &c.

DRESS.

It seems to be a thing of the past for a woman under 60 to wear sober, sensible clothes, for the majority of elderly and middle-aged women nowadays wear juvenile garments entirely out of harmony with their matured figures. Of course, there are women who never "grow old," and who, like our beloved and beautiful Queen, retain their slender forms and youthful faces all through life. But take the opposite—the figure which time has used less mercifully, the features which trouble has lined and withered—clothe it in a coquettish little Eton coat and short, tight-fitting skirt, and then note the incongruous effect!

To dress in accordance with her age, a woman need not necessarily deny herself bright colours or up-to-date modes, for a touch of pale pink, blue, or mauve is never out of place in the right spot. But an over-abundance of colour and tightly-fitting garments intensify the lines of age, besides which they make a stout figure, large waist, and rounded shoulders a dozen times more noticeable than subdued shades and softly-clinging draperies do. Stout people who are getting on in years should avoid blouses and skirts, and have instead a neat gown of one material and colour, preferably black or grey.

CAPE WRAP FOR THE MATRON. A SMART COAT.

The Cape wrap is a very useful and refined outdoor garment for the matron. It is best made in something cool and dust-proof for summer wear, and the most suitable materials are black alpaca or voile. A smart effect is given by the trimming of narrow velvet ribbon and silk cords in front. This pattern is especially recommended for those who cannot bear heavy clothes and yet do not care to be seen in the street without some kind of a mantle or coat, for the openings at the side and on the sleeves make it delightfully cool and allow a full play of the arms. A very smart finish to the front is the rosette of chiffon; but if this adds too much to the cost, it can be dispensed with.

The Smart coat for younger people has a semi-fitting back and graceful curves around the hips. It needs no trimming beyond its shaped bands, neatly stitched, and its buttons, which can be of the same material or of enamel or pearl. Linen, serge, or a light tweed are all suitable fabrics for the little coat, while, for those who can afford it, a corded silk will be found extremely dressy. Above all, it must fit the shoulders to perfection, or its greatest charm will be lost.

When choosing the material for a new dress, one should be very careful about the colour. Red, for instance, is a dangerous tint, and should be avoided. Not one woman in a hundred can wear red without looking vulgar, and those over 30 should never wear it at all. The only girl who can carry off this trying colour is one with a small, graceful, perfectly-proportioned figure, very fair hair, blue eyes, a pale complexion, and delicate, regular features.

Tweeds, serges, or cloths to be used for making tailor suits or coats should be well sponged before cutting. Place an ironing blanket on a table, lay the material right side down, and then cover with a clean damp linen cloth. Iron the cloth till dry, taking care not to stretch the material beneath; and if this is properly done there will be no fear of the gown shrinking after its first shower of rain—should such an accident occur.

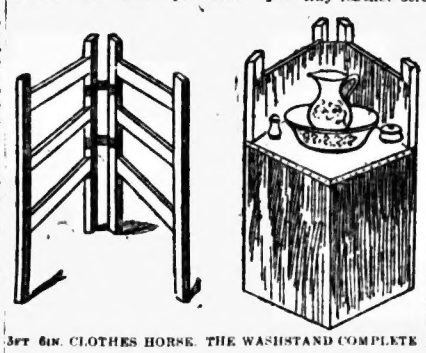
The putting in of a sleeve is often a serious problem to the amateur dressmaker, yet it is not difficult to master. Start at the inside seam of the sleeve, placing it to the front of the under-arm seam. Then fit the under part of the sleeve, working the fullness toward the centre top. To fit well a sleeve should set squarely around the arm, to give a broad-shouldered effect. If a wrinkle make its appearance at the base of the armhole it will be because the armhole has not been cut sufficiently large.

There are many possibilities in an old coat, but how many I scarcely realised until I came across a letter from a lady in the American "Lady's World." There was not much real value in the coat, save that it was all wool, but this is how that enterprising lady utilised it. She ripped, washed, and pressed it, linings and all. Then she cut a suit for her little son, the blouse out of the fronts and backs of the coat, and the knicker-bockers from the sleeves. After some good pieces had been saved for patching, there were numerous small ones left to be utilised. A number of pen-wipers and pin-cushions were evolved from these remnants, leaving many still smaller pieces for a quaint rug. Next came the linings; a part was made serviceable as facing for an underskirt. The sleeve linings were utilised as covers for iron-holders, and also to line a darning-case. From the inner lining, which was of fine linen, two teapot holders and two covers for shaving-pads were cut, while the smaller pieces made covers for several needle-books. Worked with blue floss, all were very pretty. The padding served to stuff the iron-holders. Some of the pockets went to make button bags, while portions of others served to line a second darning case. Even the tape round the bottom of the coat within the lining was of service, being used in two blouse tops for the boy. The flaps of the two larger pockets made knee protectors for the same little man. Finally she came to the buttons. The large ones answered nicely on an every-day overcoat, made from a pair of cast-off trousers, while the smaller ones were of service on the suit made from the coat. Resolving that nothing should be lost, she used all the tiny left-over scraps in stuffing the top of a foot-stool. Altogether surely a feat in its way not to be surpassed!

THE LOOKING GLASS.

Cucumber Cream.

This is a valuable cream to keep on the washstand during the summer, as it helps to preserve the skin from sunburn and acts as a general soother to a sensitive complexion. Take 1oz. almond oil, ½oz. spermaceti ½oz. white wax, and a teaspoonful of orange-flower water. Melt these together in an enamel saucepan, and add 1 tablespoonful cucumber juice, stirring till cool. All the ingredients can be had cheaply from a chemist, and the juice of the cucumber is easily extracted from cucumbers smashed to a paste and squeezed through fine linen.



3FT 6IN. CLOTHES HORSE. THE WASHSTAND COMPLETE

Freckles.

Faces which are prone to freckles should be guarded as much as possible from wind and sun, and a light gauze veil is the best means of doing so. Freckles can sometimes be removed by bathing for ten minutes night and morning with a cupful of soft warm water mixed with a teaspoonful of benzoin. Be careful to keep this lotion out of the eyes. Let it dry on the skin for five minutes before using a towel.

The Hair.

Very often a good head of hair is ruined by the manner in which it is dressed. If it be pinned up tightly with a multitude of pins the roots become dragged and forced out of place, and the consequence is premature baldness, or thinning around the sides and temples. No woman should arrange her hair in exactly the same way all the year through. If she part it persistently on one side and never on the other, for instance, a difference will soon be felt on the parted side, which will be a good deal less luxuriant than the other. Alter the style of the coiffure often, and use as few pins and combs as possible.

Hints.

Girls with sallow complexions should not wear black gowns or bright colours. Navy blue is the most becoming shade for a yellow skin. Grey suits red-haired people. Crimped hair is vulgar, and the use of crimping irons is ruinous to the hair.

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL.

A Cheap Washstand.

An artistic piece of furniture is to be made out of an old 3ft. 6in. two-fold clothes-horse, which costs 2s. 3d. new. Fix the horse in a corner of the bedroom, and secure it by means of tiny leather straps and hooks. Nail a small piece of board across the middle bars, shaped to form it a table, and see that it is all firm. Now paint the two sides and top bars white, if possible finishing with a coat of enamel. When this is dry, cover the table part with white oil-cloth, tacking it down firmly in front.

The washstand can then be made as beautiful as the pocket will allow. Curtains of 4½d. printed muslin are quite good enough, however, and these should be hung from the back rail on bamboo or brass rods, and fastened in front of the table with fancy-headed tacks. Another shelf placed on the lower bars will serve as a boot cupboard.

Floors.

All floors should be so constructed that no dust can creep into cracks and crevices from which it cannot be brushed out. If the boards are badly fixed and show crevices, these should be filled in with putty or cement before putting the carpet down. Next to the expensive parquet flooring, a varnished surface is the most sanitary; but if the wood is too rough to take the varnish nicely it may be painted with ordinary oil paint, three or four coats.

Hints.

Save a few pence every week for a bunch of flowers. Nothing beautifies the home more than flowers, and if the water is changed daily they can be made to last all the week.

A solution of salt and water thrown over the kitchen coal an hour or so before burning it is a good preventative of the smoke and soot which blacken the ceiling and walls.

Save every scrap of silk and satin, and give them to the children to join together for a coverlet or cushion. It amuses them, and at the same time teaches them to sew.

Dirty Windows.

Remember that the home beautiful must never have dirty windows. Nothing polishes a window better than an ordinary newspaper on which a few drops of oil have been sprinkled.

Flower Vases.

Stone honey or jam pots enamelled in pretty colours make excellent flower vases.

THE NURSERY.

Pretty Pinafore.

Two yards of 27in. material will make this charming little pinafore for a child of seven to nine, and less for smaller children. Being in one piece, it is very easy to make and is capable of much elaboration with trimmings of lace, tucks, etc. For babies of a year old, this pattern is beautiful made up in fine muslin or washing silk; while for girls attending school it can be carried out in hollands or alpacas. It is fastened merely by two single buttons over the shoulders in front.

PINAFORE IN ONE PIECE.

Training in Economy.

A splendid plan whereby to inculcate economy in children is to give them house work to do as soon as they are old enough, pay them a few pence for doing it, and then encourage them to save their earnings. Let them have their innocent pleasures and pay for them out of their own pockets; but teach them to spend less than they earn and show them the advantage of keeping a "balance."

Sleeping.

Every child should have a cot or bed to itself. There should be no hangings or draperies about it, and the clothing should be light yet warm. Never fasten down bed coverings with hooks or patent devices. Such a course has led to terrible accidents, for if a child has slipped down and cannot free itself of the clothes, suffocation must necessarily ensue. The bed-time of a child two years old should be half-past six. That of one eight years old, eight o'clock. All the little ones should be kept very quiet for at least half an hour before going to bed. Do not expect a child to go comfortably off to sleep if it has just been punished for some offence.

CHIT CHAT FOR GIRLS.

The True Home Girl.

It is in the home that a girl shows her real character, for she is rarely her true undisguised self outside it the company of friends and strangers. The fine natured girl is one who remembers to do her share in making the home happy, not taking every thing as a matter of course, but showing gratitude for all that is done for her. And in her heart she will realise that she can never do enough for her mother—that never again will she find so true, unselfish, and loving a comrade as the one woman who stands by her through all and everything.

A Pretty Scarf.

An extremely dainty scarf can be knitted from 5oz. Shetland wool, and a pair of fine bone needles. Cast on stitches loosely for whatever width is required; then knit plain for 2in., following with 2in. of this stitch:—Knit 1, throw thread over needle, purl 2 together, and repeat from knit 1. The next 2in. knit plain, then do 2in. of fancy, and so on until the desired length is obtained.

The Turning Point.

A girl reaches one of the most critical stages of her life when she leaves school and prepares to take up her position as an important member of the household. It is then that she should realise the necessity for earning money and being of general assistance to the parents who have had to struggle to bring her up properly. Even though it may not be necessary from a financial standpoint, it is nevertheless laudable to desire to do something; and there are many ways of occupying the time with good results to the girl and all those around her.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JOE. Your letter has been handed to Lucie.

A CONSTANT READER FOR THANKS.—See recipe for Cherry Brandy in the Home Keeper.

BUTTERMOUP.—Spice the elderberry wine with cinnamon, cloves, mace and ginger.

W. A.—To convert your coal dust into fuel blocks, call in the dustman.

A MERRY MAN.—Many thanks for your kind appreciation.

TENNOURT.—A trade secret; sorry I cannot find you.

DISINFECTANT.—Try pure carbolic acid, 1 per cent. diluted in water. This is without smell.

DAISY.—For the cheap lots of cream use either egg powders or the flavoured blanc mange powders which are sold in packets at any grocer's.

GERRIE.—To make green ink, dissolve 1 per cent. analine green in warm water. I gave this answer in our issue of April 12.

H. 66.—You should have put the wines into casks to ferment. If you have not done this I am afraid I can suggest nothing to help you.

PINK.—You can get pitch in various degrees of brittleness, but if for use on string why not try cobblers' wax?

TRURO.—Your stained rocking is in itself non-rusting, therefore you will only be wasting time and money to paint it.

PAPILLON.—Surely the odour of perforated spirits evaporates of its own accord? But perhaps you could explain more fully what you require.

WHITEANEER.—To prevent the tar from running, some people scatter clean sand over the roof; others use Stockholm tar, a coating of which could be applied over what you have on now.

JAPPY.—To stop squeaking in boots soak the soles thoroughly in oil, or drive two or three small wooden pegs into them. Please give name and address when writing again.

EASTER LILY.—You can either bleach the dress white by following directions given in "Dress" on page 5, or you can dye it afresh with one of the good dye soaps sold for the purpose. You cannot restore the original colour in any other way.

PAULINE.—Glycerine and camphor vases, try finely powdered pumice stone covered up in a piece of soft, dry muslin. If not very soiled, a sponge dipped in warm water and soap will suffice.

ALF. and MRS. HARROW.—Gather the parsnip seed when ripe, tie a handful up in a small muslin bag, and boil in covered saucepan for an hour in a pint of water. A tablespoonful of the liquor three times a day.

ERNIE.—The large suit may be cleaned by rubbing in good magnesia, let it lie in a sheet for a week, then brush out. Or there are some excellent cheap cleaning balls sold for the purpose at the chemist's.

RAMSGATE.—Please note rules (page 2). You omitted to give name and address which should be added to all future queries. To prevent silver goods from tarnishing. But warm them, then paint on a thin solution of collodion in alcohol, using a soft brush.

J. L. H.—I have made special inquiries of a noted artist, and find that oil paintings do not require the treatment you mention. If the varnish shows signs of cracking, you had better send the painting to a restorer to prevent further mischief. If it is all present all right, leave it alone.

SOUTHWOOD.—Always glad to answer questions, but please send full name and address next time, according to rules. To obtain a good polish on your collars and cuffs, rub the starch in on the wrong side until it soaks through, and iron until dry with a proper polishing iron, using a circular movement to finish with.

WORRY.—See last week's issue. Look for the opening to the ants' nests, surround it with soft clay, and pour in boiling water. Camphor mixed with spirit of wine and moistened, carbolic or any strong-smelling liquid as a wash for the floors will help to keep ants out. They will also appreciate pieces of raw liver, which can then be washed and put down again.

ANXIOUS HUSBAND.—You cannot apply any thing to your water-colour paintings or chalk drawings to remove the mildew stains or should injuring the pictures. The only thing to do is to let the mildew dry thoroughly and brush off all you can with a soft brush. Prevent further accidents of the sort by tacking at the back of the pictures a piece of oilcloth, which will keep the damp out.

READER.—The divided skirt and bloomers are practically the same, excepting that the former is generally looser and more elaborately trimmed. It is not possible to give you directions for altering fur. You would spoil both the cloth and the fur if you tried. To cut it you place it flat, separate the hairs and cut down through the skin. The pieces are top sewn together with ordinary strong thread.

ROSEMARY.—Take a handful of dried rosemary leaves, put them in a muslin bag, and boil in an enamel saucepan for two hours in 1¼ pints of water, and use the liquor as a wash for the hair. Rosemary oil for strengthening the hair can be made by putting some of the fresh flowers in a glass wide-necked bottle, cover over the mouth of the bottle very tightly with a piece of muslin, and turn it down into another glass vessel. Set in a strong sun an oil will distil into the lower glass which can then be bottled for use. A few drops at a time, rubbed into the scalp.

R. R.—Varnishes of long standing on oil paintings are very difficult to remove and if your picture is valuable I advise you to send it to a restorer. If, however you wish to risk an experiment you can try washing by means of a sponge dipped in a warm solution of pearl ash (1oz. to 1 pint of water) until the coating is removed, when the surface must be washed again with fresh water. Or, try washing with warm water, then covering with spirits of wine. Renewed for 10 minutes and washing off with water and gentle rubbing. Repeat until the coating is removed. But I must say again, this is a risky thing to attempt, and I cannot recommend it.

RAILSMITH.—Have this lotion made up by your chemist and apply at night, leaving it to dry of its own accord. Sulphide of zinc 1 drachm, rose water 5 ounces. This should take away the greasiness and redness and help to remove the pimples. Do not squeeze the latter out. After the inflammation has subsided, which should be in a couple of weeks or so, apply a little weak glycerine and water now and then to soften the skin, but the above lotion last week. It is not always wise to check perspiration, but you might try bathing your hands in cold water mixed with a tablespoonful of lemon juice occasionally, which will also help to whiten them. Avoid fatty foods, sweets and highly-seasoned dishes. Take exercise in the open air, and sleep in a well ventilated room with light bed covering. Let me know how you are at the end of the month.

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2. Waist, "		9. Sleeve, inside arm	
3. Bust, "		10. Shirt, front	
4. Back, width, sleeve to sleeve		11. Skirt, back	
5. Chest "		12. Hips, round	
6. Back, waist to collar to waist			
7. Front length, collar to waist			

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IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

Court of Appeal.

CURIOUS LAND TENURE.

Some curious and ancient forms of land tenancy were disclosed in a case before the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Buckley and Kennedy.—Defendants in the case of Copestake v. Hoper and another appealed from a decision in favour of plaintiff, given by the late Justice Kekewich. Plaintiff was the Lord of the Manor of Ewhurst, Sussex, and within the manor there were several ancient freehold tenements, held of the lord by fealty, suit of court, an annual quit rent, a relief of one year's rent on the death of the tenant, at alienation of the tenement, and a heriot of the best beast of the tenant on his death.—On Oct. 5, 1863, one of the ancient freeholds within the manor, known as Capons, devolved by alienation from one Penfold to Richard Hoper, of Cowfold, Sussex, who held the tenement on the terms stated above. Hoper mortgaged the tenement to one Browell. Hoper died on March 26, 1905, without having redeemed the mortgage. On April 4, 1905, plaintiff, by his agent, seized a bay gelding belonging to Hoper for the heriot mentioned in the terms of the tenancy.—Defendants, the executors of Hoper deceased, declined to give up the gelding to plaintiff, and plaintiff brought the present action for a declaration that he was entitled to the gelding as a heriot. Justice Kekewich held that plaintiff was entitled to the relief he claimed.—Their lordships allowed the appeal, reversed the decision of Justice Kekewich, and dismissed the action with costs.

Divorce Court.

HUSBAND AT THE WAR.

Justice Bucknill had before him the undefended petition of Squadron Sergt.-maj. Hy. Albt. Atkins, now attached to the Staffordshire Imperial Yeomanry, living at Wolverhampton, for a divorce on the ground of the misconduct of his wife with Sergt. J. Lavender, of the Carbineers (6th Dragoon Guards).—The marriage took place at Bangalore, India, in 1895. Until 1899 husband and wife lived together in India. In the autumn of the latter year petitioner, who was then in the 19th Hussars, was ordered to South Africa with his regiment, and there served throughout the Boer War. On his return to this country in 1904 he was given certain information which led him to file his petition. It appeared that while petitioner was in South Africa Mrs. Atkins formed an intimacy with Sergt. Lavender, who was quartered at Bangalore, where Mrs. Atkins was living in the married women's quarters, which she had to leave owing to her conduct. They were constantly together, and in 1903 Mrs. Atkins gave birth to a child.—The case stood over for formal proof of the Indian marriage, but his lordship now said he was satisfied with regard to the matter, and a decree nisi was granted.

Guildhall.

BLAMED HIS BICYCLE.

A clerk, Wm. Albert Edwards, 19, of Brockley-rd., was charged with stealing £16 12s. 1d. belonging to his employers, the Trueform Boot Co., London Wall.—According to the evidence accused was given the money to pay into the bank. Instead of doing so he absconded, but subsequently gave himself up to the police. It was reported that he had hitherto held a good character, and it was suggested that a fall on his head off a bicycle had disturbed his brain and was responsible for his conduct.—Remanded.

Thames.

WHAT THE POLICE FOUND.

A find of spurious coin was described when Chas. Haley, labourer, of Dee-st., Poplar, was charged on remand with manufacturing spurious gold and silver money, and further with being in possession of counterfeit money and implements for the manufacture of the same. On the morning of Thursday week, Det.-insps. Divall and Hall, with P.S. Pride, went to where accused lived, and found him in bed. Telling Haley that they had reason to believe there was counterfeit money in the house, and that he would have to get up as they intended to search the place. Prisoner replied, "You won't find anything; you have come a bit too late or a bit too early, haven't you?"

COUNTERFEIT HALF-SOVEREIGNS

When the rooms were searched the officers found some acid, copper wire, and other articles, but no money, good or bad. Later on, a second search being made, they discovered 13 counterfeit half-sovereigns and 20 counterfeit 2s. pieces. In addition to these the police found a ladle containing molten metal, three polishers, two grease rags, a packet of rouge, sand paper, a bottle containing cyanide of potassium, some nitrate of silver, silver sand, spoon files, knife, and copper wire. When charged prisoner said, "There is a man who comes here and pays me 5s. for the use of the room, and I and my wife go out while he does it. I don't know him. You know with your experience they never let you know where you live. Of course, I used to see what he was doing, but I used to shut my eyes."—Insp. Divall said prisoner had been previously convicted for uttering.—Committed for trial.

Westminster.

AFFAIRS OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

The powers of the Registrar of Friendly Societies were exemplified in a summons charging Samuel Brotherhood, of Sneinton-rd., Nottingham, with neglecting or refusing to pay the expenses of an inspection into the affairs of two societies registered under the Friendly Societies Act, of which he was secretary.—Mr. J. Fox, for the prosecution, said that last year the Chief Registrar prosecuted defendant at Nottingham for furnishing a false return of the affairs of two loan societies, both registered by defendant, who held the office of secretary. The members of the societies had applied under the Friendly Societies Act for the employment of an inspector, and it was on this gentleman's report that

PROCEEDINGS WERE TAKEN

against defendant at Nottingham. Defendant was convicted and fined £5, the evidence showing that he had carried on the societies without any proper committee, and managed affairs so that it was impossible to find what the real financial position was. The Chief Registrar had since made an order on defendant to pay all the costs of the inspection, and this he had omitted to do. It was a continuing offence, so that longer default made defendant liable to further penalties. — Defendant took several objections to the summons, but Mr. Horace Smith, overruling them, said he appeared to have no defence. He imposed a penalty of £5, to include costs.—Defendant: I have no money or goods for distress. What is the alternative?—The Magistrate: Twenty-one days' imprisonment.—Defendant: That will settle it?—The Magistrate: I don't know. You are liable to be prosecuted again.

Clerkenwell.

"SMALLEST HOUSEBREAKERS EVER SEEN."

"They are about the smallest housebreakers I have ever seen," remarked Mr. D'Eyncourt when three boys who could not be seen behind the dock were charged before him.—The gaoler had opened the door of the solicitors' well and put the boys in the open door-way for the magistrate's inspection. They were Jno. West, 12, of West-st., Islington; Chas. Bailey, 11, of Sidney-grove, Islington; and Edwd. Bailey, 8, of the same address, and the charge against them was being concerned in breaking and entering the premises of Alf. Kirk, at 135, Copenhagen-st., Islington, and stealing 10 rubber balls and some other toys, value together 12s.6d.—Prosecutor kept a stationer's shop, and it was alleged that the boys had broken the window and taken the things away.—Mr. King, an L.C.C. Industrial School officer, suggested that the eldest boy was a fit candidate for a training ship. West had been in a truant school. He had associated with bad companions, and had probably led the smaller boys away.—West's father, however, protested that his son was a good boy. "Can I make an appeal," he asked, "against your sending my boy away for stealing and leading boys astray?"—Remanded.

Marylebone.

A MIDNIGHT SCENE.

The details of a violent encounter with the police at St. Pancras were given when three powerfully-built men were brought before the magistrate. Accused were Rbt. Stillwell, fireman, of York-rd., Hendon, who was charged with disorderly conduct, using obscene language, assaulting the police and wilfully damaging a police whistle and chain; Hy. Oliver, labourer, and Chas. Hy. Lawson, a lance sergeant in the 1st Royal Sussex Regt., stationed at Umballa, in India, who also live at Hendon, and who were charged with being drunk, using obscene language, and attempting to rescue their friend Stillwell from custody.—It seemed that all three men went to the theatre on Friday night and were returning home shortly before midnight when they came into collision with the police. P.C. Willis found them creating a nuisance outside a young ladies' school in Sandall-rd., St. Pancras, and when he intervened to stop them Stillwell

CHALLENGED HIM TO FIGHT

and abused him, and eventually had to be arrested. He then struck the officer in the chest, and during the violent struggle that followed they fell several times to the ground. It was at that point that the other two men interfered and made an attempt to release their friend from custody. One of them seized the officer by the neck, while the other one tugged at prisoner. The officer, finding he was being overpowered, took out his whistle to blow for assistance, but Stillwell immediately snatched it away, broke the chain and threw the whistle into the roadway. It was picked up by a boy, and at the request of the officer he blew it, and thus brought to the spot a sergeant and another constable, with whose assistance all three men were taken to the station. A doctor was then called, who certified that Oliver and Lawson were drunk.—Each prisoner fined 10s. or seven days.

Marlborough-street.

THEFTS FROM AN ACTOR.

The thefts from Mr. G. P. Huntley, the actor, were further investigated Arthur Joseph Jones, 42, a canvasser, of Dean-st., Fetter-lane, and Fredk. Fearne, 34, electrician, Leather-lane, being charged with the theft in April and May of three silver forks, three plated spoons, six silver spoons, and other articles, worth about £6, from Sackville-st., Piccadilly. Arthur Ernest Saunders, 48, a licensed victualler, of the "Three Tuns," Great New-st., City, was accused of unlawfully receiving the articles.—Mr. Newton defended Saunders.—The evidence was that Fearne was employed at Mr. Huntley's house in repairing the electric installation, and Jones visited him. Fearne gave himself up to a City policeman about a week ago, and inquiries led to the arrest of Saunders who, it was stated, admitted having bought the articles from Jones, whom he said he had known in better circumstances. He thought they were his own.—Det.-sergt. Leech stated that Jones, on arrest, said he had been made a tool of by Fearne, who asked him to sell the articles to Saunders.—A further charge of stealing one of Mr. Huntley's overcoats, against Fearne and Jones, was investigated.—Det.-sergt. Duggan stated that Fearne told him he stole the coat, but Jones declared he had nothing to do with it.—Mr. Newton said that Saunders bore an irreproachable character, and many witnesses could testify to that fact.—Mr. Mead discharged Saunders, but Jones and Fearne were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

West London.

CLEVERLY CAUGHT.

The story of a clever capture was told when Thos. Reardon, 31, shoemaker, and Wm. McCarthy, 31, labourer, were charged with breaking into 49a, Uxbridge-rd., Shepherd's Bush, and stealing a gold watch and chain, three gold rings, a gold bracelet, a silver watch, and other articles, of the total value of £30, belonging to Geo. Frances, a draper.—P.C. Chisholm said he saw prisoner going from one shed to another on Wormwood Scrubs in the early hours of Friday morning. He and P.C. Reilly went up to the shed, and witness, looking through a hole in the shed, saw Reardon with the silver-plate in his hand and McCarthy sorting out some jewellery. When he arrested McCarthy Reardon being arrested by P.C. Reilly prisoner said, "I'll have a cut for it; if you use a stick I'll blow your brains out. It's hard luck when we got so far." All the way to the station prisoner tried to escape, but witness held him. On being searched the gold watch and chain and other jewellery was found on accused.—Remanded.

Old-street.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

According to the wife, Jno. Burke and his spouse have lived happily for years, and without a serious rift in the domestic lute, until Friday night, when he arrived home at 127, Armourd-rd., Bow, in an inebriated state. After sitting quietly in his armchair for some moments, Burke is alleged to have suddenly jumped up, and, flourishing an open penknife, declare to his wife that he "would do her in." She was nursing the baby, and, therefore, could not defend herself from him. Plunging the blade into the left side of her throat, he quietly closed the knife and replaced it in his pocket. His 12 year-old son ran into the street screaming, and a constable appeared at the house and found Burke sitting unconcerned by the fireside, and his wife with a sleeping baby in her arms bleeding profusely from a wound in her neck. When the wound had been temporarily bound up by the officer Burke exclaimed, "All right, sir, you had better take me now, or else I shall do her in before morning." To the constable's command,

"GIVE ME THE KNIFE YOU DID IT WITH,"

he produced a small penknife, and went quietly to the station, where, when charged, he said: "Quite right, sir." The officer said he had the appearance of having been drinking, but he was not drunk. To Det.-sergt. Burton, subsequently, he admitted the deed, and, producing another, and larger, pocket-knife, he said: "You had better take this one in case I do her in altogether." He seemed very excited.—The wife gave him the best of characters as a husband and a father, and said he had only once before assaulted her.—Remanded for medical examination.

Tower Bridge.

JUVENILE PIRATES.

Two Bermondsey schoolboys, Albt. Tanner, 11, and Patrick Bowen, 9, were charged with stealing three wooden gratings, value 30s., from the barge Kit, lying at Coventry Wharf, Horsleydown.—P.S. Knight said that he and P.C. Moody of the Thames Police, were on duty in a police-galley on Friday evening, and caught prisoners in the act of destroying the gratings and removing the fragments for firewood. — Fdk. West, for the bargeowners. Messrs. W. Balchin (Ltd.), said they were constantly sustaining similar damage and loss.—Mr. Westcott, industrial schools' officer, stated that Tanner had been charged in the City, and Bowen had been taken home by witness from the Borough Market.—Remanded.

Stratford.

ALLEGED INFANTICIDE.

At the instance of the Treasury Florence Perry, 21, a servant, of Preston-rd., Leytonstone, was charged on remand with the wilful murder of her newly-born male child on April 15. — The birth of the child had been concealed, and at the inquest a verdict of wilful murder was recorded against prisoner, who at that time was a patient at Whipps Cross Infirmary. She was not arrested till May 4.—Mr. Frayling, for the Treasury, said that the girl's mistress was ill, and unable to attend the court, and as he had not had time to carefully look through the coroner's depositions, he must ask for a remand.—Remanded.

Lambeth.

A RAID AT STOCKWELL.

A raid on premises alleged to have been used for betting was described when Jas. Clemson, 55, a leather dresser, of South Lambeth-rd.; Wm. Smith, 31, a labourer, of Luscombe-st., Wandsworth-rd.; Harry Antenbring, 54, a handyman, of Rowton House, Newington Butts; and Thos. Brown, 33, a stableman, of Sidney-rd., Stockwell, were charged with being found on premises at Swan Mews, Stockwell-rd., alleged to be used as a gaming or betting house.—Clemson and Smith were further charged with keeping and using a coach-house at Swan Mews for unlawful gaming or of betting with persons resorting thereto.—Antenbring and Brown were further charged with aiding and abetting in the offence of keeping a betting house.—Chief-insp. Rolfe, W Division, stated that on Friday afternoon he went to Swan Mews, Stockwell-rd., with Det.-insp. Fowler and other officers. On approaching No. 5 he saw Clemson and Smith inside the coach-house with Antenbring and Brown. They apparently

RECEIVED AN ALARM,

and Antenbring and Brown rushed out, but were "collared" by witness and another officer. Upon being searched £11 sold, £11 11s. silver, 4s. 4d. bronze, and one betting slip was found on Clemson. When shown the betting slip, which was in his vest pocket, Clemson said, "I know nothing about it. Some one has put it there." Sixty-three betting slips were taken from Smith, together with a paying-out book and two pieces of pencil. Antenbring had in his possession two betting slips and 1s. 1d. He also threw away a betting slip, which was picked up, making altogether three. Brown had 7s. and a newspaper with the name of a horse written on.—Remanded.

West Ham.

SECRETARY IN THE DOCK.

Serious allegations were made against John Bray, 43, a meter inspector, of St. James's-rd., Forest Gate, who was charged on a warrant with forging and uttering two receipts for £1 4s. each, with intent to cheat and defraud the National Deposit Friendly Society.—Mr. Woolley (prosecuting) said that for some time past prisoner had been district secretary to the society, and in the course of his duties he was supposed to account for all moneys once a month. In February, 1907, he submitted vouchers showing that he had paid £2 8s. sick benefits to a member of the society, but it had since been ascertained that the member had never received the money, and that the doctor's certificate, together with the receipts, were forgeries. — Det.-sergt. Marshall stated that on his arrest prisoner, after inquiring who made the charge, said that it was false.—Mr. Stern (defending) said that his client had been in the employ of the West Ham Corporation as an inspector in the electric light department for 10 years.—Mr. Woolley: I should like to point out that I shall have to prefer other charges on the next hearing. It is only in consequence of misappropriation of money that his accounts were scrutinised, and the defalcations amount to a considerable sum.—Remanded in his own surety of £100, and two sureties in £50 each.

North London.

FINDINGS NOT KEEPINGS.

Mr. Fordham committed for trial Wm. Hardy, 48, carpenter, of Blurton-rd., Clapton Park, on a charge of stealing, by finding and appropriating to his own use, on April 30, a £5 Bank of England note, the property of Theodore Notman, schoolkeeper, of the L.C.C. school in Daubeney-rd., Clapton Park.—Prosecutor lost the note near the school premises, and gave information to the police. It was alleged that the note was traced to prisoner, who, when in company with Geo. Foster, a builder, of Homerton, changed it for goods which Foster had bought.—Mr. Fordham at the last hearing said he would consider Foster's part in the transaction, but he now intimated that he did not think any jury would say it was more than an indiscretion on Foster's part. It would be for a jury to say whether at the time Hardy found the note he intended to convert it to his own use.—Bail allowed.

Greenwich.

HONEST POVERTY.

Some sad details were given when James Billings, 52, of 76, Jersey-rd., Custom House, was charged with begging at Woolwich-rd., East Greenwich.—Billings admitted the offence, and handed in a statement.—After perusing it, the magistrate asked P.C. Plusted what he knew of prisoner.—The constable said prisoner had eight years' reference from his last employer, and bore an excellent character. He had been out of work since last September, and had sold all his furniture in order to maintain his wife and eight children.—In discharging Billings, Mr. Gill requested the missionary to make inquiries.

Willesden.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.

A remarkable story of alleged fraud was told when John Thomas, 55, a well-dressed man, described as "independent," of 3, Denholme-rd., Paddington, was charged with obtaining credit for £100 by false pretences from Chas. Harvey, a labourer on the G.W.R., living at Rucklidge-avenue, Harlesden.—Mr. Sierron, prosecuting, said that for many years Thomas was in the employ of the G.W.R. Co., but retired three years ago. He boasted at the time of having large sums of money, but a few months later he began to call upon his late fellow employés to borrow money. To some he represented that he had

TIED UP HIS MONEY IN £1,000 SECURITIES,

to others that he wanted £50 to make up a sum of £2,000, and again to others that he was going into partnership with a well-known greengrocer. All these statements were now proved to be false, but on the strength of them prisoner obtained the life's savings of several working men. When arrested the previous night documents were found upon him showing that he was addicted to betting.—Det. Hambrook stated that when arrested prisoner said: "I had money when I left the G.W.R., but it is all gone. I have told a lot of lies to get money, but I always meant to pay them back. I got in such a tangle I was nearly mad."—Remanded.

Kingston.

DUPING DOMESTICS.

"It is a very outrageous attempt to get money by false pretences," said the chairman, in dealing with Joseph Carter, 24, costermonger, Job Stevens, 18, costermonger, and Wm. Taylor, 17, flower-seller, who were charged, on remand, with being concerned together in attempting to obtain 4s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. from Lizzie Budd and Mary Perrin, domestic servants, of New Malden.—Stevens, who pleaded guilty, was further charged with obtaining by false pretences 5s. from Maggie Earl, a parlourmaid, of Presbury-rd., New Malden. — Prisoners called at the houses where the domestics were employed, and producing a box of plants—which they described as carnations but were found to be worthless plants known as "jacksies"—accused represented that their mistresses had bought the plants and had paid a small sum on account. Prisoners then asked the domestics for the balance, but two of them declined to pay. In fact, one of them referred them to her master, who was in the garden, and in this case prisoners left hurriedly, promising to call again, but they failed to keep the appointment. In no case had any plants been ordered.—In the case of the second charge against Stevens, he told the girl that her mistress had already paid him 2s. for the plants, and that she was to pay him another 5s., which would be repaid her. Prisoners were arrested by Station-sergt. Benson, after complaints had been received about them.—The bench bound over Stevens and Taylor for six months under the Probation of Offenders Act; Carter was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

Tottenham.

"HERE'S THE SPLITS."

An exciting police adventure on Friday night was described when John Savage, of Greyhound-rd., Tottenham, and Frank Grant, address refused, were charged with attempting to break and enter the house of John Crofts, a cabinet maker, of Hampden-st., Tottenham.—P.S. Woolgard, with a constable in plain clothes, saw prisoners and another man loitering suspiciously. They went to the house of Crofts and stooped down. The police—in hiding in a garden—jumped into the road, and immediately the third man shouted, "Look out, Jack, here's the splits!" Savage said, "All right, sergeant, you know me." Grant tried to get away and struggled violently, and witness had to draw his truncheon. A chisel was found on Grant, and the marks on Croft's door corresponded with the edge of the chisel. Grant had, also, two latch-keys on him.—Remanded.

Brentford.

A PLUCKY SERVANT.

The coolness and courage of Louisa Farrow, a domestic, employed by Mr. E. Miller, of Tring-avenue, Ealing, formed a feature in a case when Hy. Carter, 29, a stoker, was charged with burglary, and with stealing a missionary box containing an unknown amount.—Miss Farrow went for a walk with her young man, and on her return went into the house to fetch some letters to post, her sweetheart meanwhile waiting outside. He informed Miss Farrow that he had seen Carter loitering about in a suspicious manner, and asking him to post the letters, she returned to the house alone and unfastened the dog. She then made a search, and in the drawing room found the prisoner crouching under the couch. When the dog growled he changed his position, and she then noticed he had the missionary box in his hand. When she asked prisoner what he was doing he said he thought it was an empty house, and had gone there to have a sleep. She thereupon locked him in the drawing room with the dog and fetched the police.—Remanded.

INQUESTS.

TWO BROTHERS DROWNED.

A sad fatality in the Lea was investigated by Mr. Baxter, deceased being Edwd. Geo. Cross, the son of a contractor, of 19, Frederick-st., Stratford, who was drowned with an elder brother on April 26. — The father said that on the day in question deceased and his brother Thomas went into the street to play. Several hours afterwards a lad came and said that "Tommy and Teddy were drowned."—Coroner: What, both!—Witness: Yes, sir. The elder boy's body was recovered off Carpenter's-rd. Bridge, and the inquest was held at West Ham.—Chas. Bamfield, underkeeper to the L.C.C., stationed at Hackney Marshes, said he was informed that two boys were in the water near the "Bully Fence." He rushed to the spot, but could only see a cap floating.—Wm. Ehrish, 10, said he went to Temple Mills with deceased and his brother. They were walking along by the edge of the river when witness left them for a few minutes. When he went back he saw them both "sticking up in the water." He told the keeper, and then ran home, and informed the father.—Further evidence showed that the body of deceased was found on Tuesday floating off Three Mills-lane, about three miles from where the boys fell in.—Verdict, accidental death.

A LEA MYSTERY.

Dr. Westcott held an inquest on a newly-born male child which was found floating in the river Lea, near Stannard's boathouse, Clapton, on Friday.—Jos. Pratt stated that he was engaged with another man in a boat getting dead animals out.—Coroner: Do you find many cats?—Witness: Yes, I found 18 cats and dogs on Friday.—Coroner (surprised): Eighteen cats and dogs!—A Juror: That's nothing, sir. I cremated 19 last week myself at the Haggerston Gas works that I got out of the Regent's Canal. They all float down there to the dock.—Other evidence showed that the body was recovered by Pratt, and handed over to the police. It was wrapped in a piece of flannelette, an old woollen shawl, and a piece of linen.—Det.-sergt. Smith stated that there were no marks on the articles, and he had been unable to find anyone connected with the disposal of the body.—Dr. Turtle stated that death was due to suffocation. This was caused before the child was thrown into the water.—Verdict: Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

SUICIDE IN FRONT OF A MIRROR.

At West Ham Mr. Hilleary held an inquest on Jos. Biseley, 72, dock pensioner, of 5, Selwyn-rd., Upton Park. —Deceased, who was in receipt of a pension of 21s. 9d. a week from the L. and T.D. Co., had been frequently very much depressed. On Thursday morning his bedroom door was noticed to be locked, and suspicion being aroused it was forced open. Deceased was then found lying in front of the looking-glass with a large wound in his throat. He had apparently stood in front of the mirror when committing the act, and the razor he used fell on to the bed.—Verdict: Suicide while temporarily insane.

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GIRL'S CONFESSION.

SEQUEL TO A FAMOUS OLD BAILEY TRIAL.

A curious sequel to an Old Bailey trial came before the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House yesterday, when Polly Davis, 18, a stylishly-dressed and good-looking young woman, of 13, Gloucester-buildings, Whitechapel, was charged with having committed wilful and corrupt perjury during the hearing of a charge of alleged procuration preferred against Mark Goodman at the Old Bailey in January, 1907.—Mr. Margetts said the case was a somewhat remarkable one. Goodman was indicted for "procuring" Polly Davis for alleged immoral purposes, and, after a two days' trial, in the course of which a number of witnesses were called on both sides, Goodman was convicted, and was sentenced by Judge Rentoul to the maximum term of two years' hard labour. Polly Davis was the principal witness, and swore that Goodman, to whom she had been

Introduced by a Man

named Freeman, represented to her that he was a very rich man, the owner of flats, and could do good for her; that he subsequently took her to a flat in Brushfield-st. and induced her to lead an improper life, he taking the money that she received from gentlemen. There were, Mr. Margetts proceeded, a number of discrepancies in the evidence, and when once came

POLLY DAVIS.

to read the notes it was a wonder how the jury ever came to convict Goodman. At that time there was no Court of Appeal, but, immediately after the conviction, the man's friends in Spitalfields got up a petition, signed by a number of influential persons including an M.P., which was presented to the Home Office praying for a remission of the sentence, but the Home Secretary declined to interfere, and the man was still serving his time. There was one peculiar circumstance in the case—that at the trial a number of most highly respectable people were called to testify to the high character borne by Goodman, and to prove that he had been in one employment in Spitalfields Market for five years.

After the Verdict

of guilty, a detective-sergeant told the judge that the man was a "bully," and that he had done a stroke of work during this period. The woman Davis had since been heard to boast that she had put an innocent man in prison. She eventually made a full confession to a brother of Goodman's, and this had been reduced to writing. —The Lord Mayor said he had read the statement.—Mr. Margetts: If the woman's statement is true, evidently a very gross injustice has been done an innocent man. On the next occasion I shall call a number of witnesses, and hope to prove my case conclusively.—Det.-insp. Pentin said the woman came to the court yesterday morning with Goodman's brother and surrendered. In reply to the warrant she said, "I don't know exactly about wilful."—Remanded in custody.

FORTUNE IN A DAY.

HOW A YOUNG MAN MADE £100,000.

After reigning for one whole day as king of the cotton "pit," Mr. J. L. Livermore, a young man who was credited with trying to "corner" the market, announced his temporary abdication. He has netted £100,000 as the result of clever tactics, which, as he observed, was "not bad for one who only a few years ago was a poor office boy employed by a Boston broker." Mr. Livermore is not yet 30 years of age, and all Wall-st. is taking off its hat to him, for he is, in the words of a veteran dealer, the "first man who ever tackled the Cotton Exchange at its own game and beat it." What Mr. Livermore did was to profit by the sensation caused by the reports that he was trying to effect a "corner" in July cotton. While these reports were circulating the young man quietly broke his own "corner" by selling cotton to alarmed speculators. Before the veterans who were trying to smash him knew it he had disposed to them of all his options. The ex-office boy is now worth £500,000. "I shall never," he sagely observed, "even try to make a 'corner' in cotton."

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Ocean Greyhounds.

The two new Atlantic greyhounds, the Lusitania and the Mauretania, of the Cunard Line, are gradually drawing towards that point in age and work at which they may be expected to do their best. It is notorious to all those who go down to the sea in ships and do their business on the great waters that a new ship's machinery requires to be run for between one and two years so that the engines may get well "bedded" before the maximum in smoothness of working and speed is obtained by the vessel. The above-named liners are no exception to this rule, and on a recent voyage from New York to England the Mauretania did several days' travelling at the excellent speed of over 24½ knots for a distance of 2,293 miles. This is exceeding the Government contract on which the subsidy depends. The longest run in one day was 579 miles. This far over tops anything that previous Atlantic greyhounds have done, as the German ship which held the record for several years had a top run of about 519 miles in one day to her credit. As time sometimes means a great deal of money to the British and American merchants who travel to and fro between New York and Liverpool, an extra 60 miles a day is likely to command their patronage, no matter which national flag the ship flies whose heels are thus much more slippery than her sisters' on the route. But the limit has not yet been reached, as we now have a battleship-cruiser that is reported to have steamed over 27 knots an hour. What a cruiser can do a merchant liner will sooner or later be made to do, and at no distant date we shall have a "four-day ferry" from Liverpool to New York.

North Sea Flotilla.

The Admiralty have now begun to build up a sea keeping North Sea flotilla of destroyers that should be able to guard our East Coast against raiders in almost any weather. These destroyers will be of nearly 800 tons displacement, as compared with the 560 tons of vessels of the Thrasher class, which a few years ago were considered very large vessels for the destroyer type. The first of the new and larger class to hoist the pennant for service in our first line is the Cossack, which hoisted the pennant last week, and she can steam over 34 knots, as compared with the 30 knots of the Thrasher. The nominal speed of the Tribal class, however, is only 33 knots, but the contractors get an extra £12,000 for each extra knot over contract speed, and the whole of the class are earning these extra grants and doing very well, some of them nearly touching 35 knots. To obtain this speed the boats carry turbine engines, which develop 14,000 horse-power, whereas the earlier destroyers were content with 6,000 horse-power. The sea speed of the Cossack is 33 knots, so that she will be able to get around the coast at a rate that will enable her to overtake any foreign cruiser or merchant craft, which had a long start, so long as the signalmen along our shores at the war stations could keep her prompted, by means of wireless telegraphy, as to the whereabouts of the enemy. These Tribal destroyers will all go to the North Sea flotilla as they are delivered, and by the end of the year the flotilla, which keeps watch and ward along our Eastern Coasts will be considerably strengthened by all the group, which will be completed by that time.

Peace Perils.

News is to hand from the Persian Gulf of an engagement of the cruisers Proserpine and Hyacinth with a body of gun-running Afghans. The incident is important as being connected with the frontier trouble in India, and bringing home to the newspaper reading public how vitally important is the steady and unrelaxing coast patrol maintained by the smaller British warships, and how co-operative it is with the preservation of inland peace. It is only of recent years that these little affairs—which nevertheless prevent the recurrence of big affairs—have crept into the home Press, and they serve a useful purpose in enabling us to realise how much the Navy is an ever-ready and ever-fighting service, even in times of ostensible peace. Slaving and the prevention of gun-running have ever provided much work for British sailors in these particular latitudes, and officers and men almost daily take their lives in their hands when they put off from their vessels in an open boat in order to board an over-sailed dhow. In this particular instance the bluejacket was killed outright, whilst another was so seriously injured that his life is despaired of. Such are the perils undergone by the men who maintain the ever-watchful British eye and the ever-ready British hand on the high seas and the borders thereof. It is a matter to be considered when we are shaping our Naval building programme, for which vessels will ever be required.

Well-Merited Reward.

I am very glad to see that my friends the warrant-officers of the Navy are considering a question which may affect a goodly number of their rank when they get into the sear and yellow. Many of the men now being promoted to warrant rank are from 33 to 35 years of age. At present it takes a warrant-officer over 20 years to obtain promotion to commissioned warrant-officer; consequently, if this rule obtains in future—and it may be even worse instead of better—they will only just get a commission by the time they have to retire at 55 years of age. But before a commissioned warrant-officer can retire as a lieutenant he has to serve three years as a commissioned officer, which will obviously be impossible under the conditions I have sketched above. Consequently, very few indeed of the younger warrants will obtain the coveted rank of lieutenant on retirement, which is so helpful to their wives and children should an officer die shortly after retiring from active service. Thus, the condition of affairs is bad enough at the present retiring age, but if, as may be the case, warrant-officers are presently compelled to retire at 50 instead of 55, then still fewer of them would get a lieutenancy on retiring, even though the Admiralty was forthwith to grant them the concession they so earnestly plead for in their "earnest appeal," viz., promotion for all serving warrant-officers to the rank of commissioned warrant-officers after 15 years' service as warrant officers." This is a matter which requires the serious consideration of the authorities, and is anything but a shadowy disability for to serve one's country from 35 to 40 years as boy, man and officer and to successfully come through all the difficulties of strenuous Naval service for this long period, surely deserves the eventual reward of lieutenant rank on retirement, even if it cannot be gained while on the active list. Such a reward would be well merited I think.

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

THE BARRACK-ROOM.

An Improvement in the Service.

It is not the least pleasing sign of the improvement in our land forces that according to the figures just issued, only half as many men were sent to military prisons or detention barracks last year as compared with the number thus punished four years back. In fact for some years past crime in the Army has been very rapidly on the decrease, so we have today better-behaved battalions than perhaps at any time in their history. The days when the soldier, despite his achievements on the battlefield, was looked upon as a ne'er-do-well are past and gone. There are still, it is true, a very small minority who refuse employment to ex-soldiers, or, when the power lies at their door, turn those in uniform from places of public entertainment, but happily such cases are rare, and they generally find the reward this conduct earns in the long run. The authorities have done all that is possible officially to decrease crime and keep the waster from the barrack gates for some time past. The custom of inquiring into a recruit's antecedents has answered well and been beneficial to the service generally. But what has been as effectual as anything in stamping out bad conduct is the system instituted a short time since of placing soldiers for minor offences in detention barracks instead of throwing them into prison, from which they emerged marked and more or less ruined for future service. In prison the soldier lost all touch with his military duties, whereas in the detention barracks he gets all the drill he requires and a deal more, with sound discipline which may set him up at a time when his moral welfare needs careful watching. We are getting a better stamp of man into the Army altogether. Loafers who enlist, but are not in sympathy with the military life, must pass the barrack portals now and then, however careful the authorities may be, but the sound leavening in the ranks to-day of hard working and disciplined fighting men makes for progress. Such figures as have just been issued cannot be shown by any of the large armies in Europe, which should make the civil population of this island take even greater pride in the thin red line and sentry-go with Kipling: "Thomas, here's my best respects to you."

The War Office and the Widows.

The way in which the authorities have of late been keeping a watchful eye on the soldiers' widows has provoked a good impression in the barrack-room, and the latest conce-elon, neatly tucked away among the Army orders, is more pleasing still. Hitherto a widow drawing pension forfeited this pension on remarriage, with the result that she received a heavy blow at a time when in many cases it would be most hardly felt, or else she resorted to fraud in order to draw the allowance which the services of her late husband earned for her. But from to-day this will be done away with. She will still be allowed to draw the pension on the production of her certificate of remarriage. Thus the Army is brought into line with many civil vocations where the pension granted to the widow of a servant is not discounted by her remarriage. Some hundreds of widows are likely to benefit by this timely order.

The Regulars and Territorial Artillery.

I for one shall be anxious to see how the Regulars will fare in the construction of the Territorial Artillery when it is completed by Mr. Haldane. That minister will, of course, have to go to the Regulars for many of his officers and instructors if he hopes to produce an arm which must reckon with the trained artillery of a foreign Power in the event of invasion. At present there are something under 400 Regular artillerymen on the permanent staff, and a sensible order has been issued by the authorities whereby the county associations can enlist ex-artillerymen up to the age of 36 in order to strengthen the territorial batteries. Under these circumstances a good gunner on leaving the Regulars will not have to lay aside the art of war he has learned at the national expense. No doubt "Bobs" will have a word to say about the need for employing ex-Regular gunners more freely with the Reserve forces when the matter comes up in the House for discussion next Monday; no doubt, too, he will not show himself overgratified by the sage remark of the Under-Secretary (Lord Lucas) that, given the King's outriders to drive his guns and a picked team from Maxim's works to fire them, he would guarantee to have an efficient battery in a week! Such logic from one who is very largely responsible for the handling of the Territorial artillery is not so impressive as it was doubtless intended to be, and only shows that Lord Lucas is out of tune with the situation. Lord Roberts will probably argue that the Territorial artillery should be officered by officers from the Regular artillery, which would be the safest and most satisfactory course to adopt.

Practical Work at Malta.

The Duke of Connaught is making his presence felt in the Mediterranean command. Already—several of my chums at Malta have told me—there has been such hustling as the old island has never seen before. The practical manœuvre which have just been carried out there were instituted by the Duke and conducted under his supervision to test the possibility of throwing an invading force on to the island. There were no transports available, as the Treasury would not sanction the expenditure, so all the ships in the fleet were utilised for the purpose, and at midnight, with all lights masked, the covering party was sent to Melliehs Bay and landed in perfect darkness in three hours without any mishap whatever, to be followed shortly afterwards by the main attacking force, consisting of four battalions and artillery.

THE SECOND LINE.

Has Haldanelsm Failed?

The vast importance of finding the true answer to this question will be denied by none. It may be urged by those who believe that Mr. Haldane's speculative optimism will yet be justified, that it is too early to formulate an answer, but the majority of those who have followed sympathetically both the history of the Volunteer Force and Mr. Haldane's bold experiment of reorganisation, will probably think that when six weeks have elapsed out of twelve weeks allowed to the Volunteers to decide whether they will join the new Territorial Army, the figures available ought, with approximate accuracy, to justify a forecast. Mr Haldane's decision to recognise any unit that had obtained on May 1, 50 per cent. of its establishment, almost of itself justifies an affirmative answer to the question, "Has Mr. Haldane's scheme failed?" When a few weeks ago sanguine supporters of Haldanelsm predicted a transfer of 80 or even 90 per cent. of the Volunteers to the Territorial Army, would they have dreamed a 50 per cent. transfer after half the period had elapsed as either encouraging or satisfactory? An examination of the figures will dispel any doubts remaining. Out of 800 units throughout the country barely 300 have been so far recognised on the low basis of one third the strength. Of the 10 units in the City of London Brigades (including the infantry of the H.A.C. and the Royal Army Medical Corps (London Co.'s), only one, the Post Office Corps, which is recruited almost exclusively from one great Government department, has been (to May 1) recognised. Of the four Royal Fusilier battalions only the 2nd has succeeded in getting over one third of its Volunteer strength transferred. Col. Dunlee's big battalion of over 1,300, has got a present-muster of Territorials of 258. Col. Carey Bates, another most energetic C.O., has transferred only 164 of his 719 of the 3rd Fusilier batn. The London Rifle brigade has secured nearly 44 per cent (204 out of 465), but the flourishing 2nd London Rifles (Lord Roberts's corps.), has only secured a transfer of 278 out of 808, and the 3rd London Rifles, only 255 out of a strength of 607. Of other London corps, the Civil Service Rifles, for reasons not far to seek, has transferred more than 90 per cent., but the percentage in 16 battalions out of 39 is well under 50 per cent., and in ten, is less than one third the corps strength at date of last Volunteer return. The falling off in the 2nd (South) Middlesex, the 5th Middlesex, the 19th Middlesex, and the 4th V.B. Surrey, is significant and appalling, and there must be special reasons in these cases. The South Middlesex (the first enrolled in Middlesex in 1859), had only secured 34 transfers out of a strength of over 700, the 19th Middlesex (Bloomsbury Rifles), only 120 out of 570, and Col. Rumsey's splendid batn. the 4th V.B. Royal West Surrey, has dropped about 900 of the 1,191 men on the strength last year.

Causes of the Slump.

Some of the causes of failure are obvious; others not equally so. A brutally worded attestation form, drawn up, doubtless, by one of the many military officers at the Volunteers, gave the greatest umbrage, and the mania for economy, which Mr. Haldane has had to swallow willy nilly, has disgusted the rank and file, separation allowances to their families during compulsory attendance at camp having been refused them because it would cost too much, while allowed to sergeants, because it would cost but a trifle. In my opinion a more powerful, though less obvious, cause is responsible for the slump. The majority of thinking Volunteers have become convinced that the task sought to be put upon them is beyond their powers. They have become convinced that only some form of compulsory service can now fully safeguard the nation, since Mr. Haldane has cast out of the Army 40,000 of its most effective soldiers to satisfy the economanical ideas of his political supporters, and they believe in the force of Lord Roberts's warning that to suppress 35 batteries of our splendid Royal Field Artillery to depend upon 196 batteries of citizen artillerymen is the way to ruin.

Territorial Field Ambulance.

Lieut.-col. Sleman, M.D., so long devoted to the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction, informs me that he has received orders from the Principal Medical Officer to enlist at once for the "1st City of London Field Ambulance" (R.A.M.C. Territorial Force), which will have an establishment of 220 of all ranks, including a transport section. The temporary headquarters are at Holborn Town Hall, W.C., with attendance on Mondays and Thursdays, at 7 p.m. A nucleus for the new unit will be formed from the former Volunteer Brigade Bearer Companies. N.C.O.'s of these units at present have the privilege of transferring with their former rank. No one will be allowed to count as an active member of the Territorial Force until he has signed the attestation. Army rates of pay will be issued to all ranks when attending camp, or a school of instruction, or a military hospital. Camp is for a period of eight days (minimum). The course of instruction will include all the subjects taught in the V.A. School and several new ones, notably the new methods of sanitation in camp and elsewhere.

Naval & Military Tournament.

The company of 100 N.C. officers and men of the West African force which Col. Montanaro commands and who are due to take an important part in the R.N. and M.T. which opens on Thursday next, arrived in London on Tuesday and marched (after astonished glimpses of busy Waterloo station and some London streets to Olympia, to take up the quarters provided. Four of the units are already known something of London society, having attended the Coronation festivities of King Edward VII., and besides Col. Montanaro, Lieut. Davies and Sergt.-major Moncrieff are British. The men wear a fez, a serviceable khaki uniform, a loose fitting tunic and knee breeches and puttees. They are armed with a small bore carbine, with Martini-Henry action, a bayonet, and a formidable hack knife. A red cummerbund, just showing coyness by the waist belt, gives a touch of colour to the uniform.

Astor County Challenge Cup.

The annual civilian competition between county teams for the Astor Cup will take place at Runnymede on Thursday, June 25, from 3 p.m. The conditions prescribe service rifles, N.R.A. rules, 7 shots and one sighter at two ranges (200 and 500 yards), teams of eight, six scores to count, with time limit of 80 minutes at each range. Entry fees to be sent to Mr H. Price, hon. sec. for Middlesex, 493, High-rd., Chiswick.

Territorial Army Swimming League.

At the annual meeting of the Volunteer swimming League, now the Territorial Army Swimming League (London district), held at the Queen's Westminsters' headquarters, Lieut.-Col. Bone presided, in the absence of the President, Sir Alfred Turner. The rules were altered in conformity with the new title. The hon. treasurer submitted the accounts, which were passed as satisfactory, although the previous balance had been exhausted. Maj.-gen. Turner was re-elected as president, Pte. P. Neale (Artists) as hon. secretary and Sergt. J. Hollick (London Scottish) as hon. treasurer. The hon. secretary, P. Neale, Knuth Cottage, Surbiton Hill, will be pleased to receive names of any corps desirous of affiliating.

What I am Told.

That Col. the Hon. T. F. Fremantle has been appointed Capt. of the British Rifle Team to take part in the Olympic Games contests to be held at Bisley during the first week of the N.R.A. meeting in July. That Mr Walter Winans is organising a British team to compete against a French team in two shooting competitions to be carried out at the Ranelagh Club, in connection with the Olympic Games contests. One of these competitions is at 35 metres (nearly 40 yards), the target being the iron figure of a man, with French duelling pistols, to be shot at the word of command; this gives about two seconds of time in which to raise and fire the pistol. The other competition is with .38 calibre smith and Wesson double-action revolvers, with gallery ammunition, six shots to be fired in 20 seconds at the same figure of a man—the revolver not to be raised or cocked before signal is given for the first shot. The duelling pistols and ammunition will be supplied on the range. These are distinct competitions from the "wax bullet" ones. Mr Winans writes from Surrenden Park, Pluckley, Kent, that the Council of the N.R.A. have decided, in addition to the competitions, for which the Regular Forces, including the Royal Marines are at present ineligible to enter, to give them the following competitions: The Roberts Challenge Cup, the Mappin Challenge Cup, the Duke of Westminster Challenge Cup, and the Sir James Whitehead Challenge Cup. That under the new Territorial Army the Surrey (Princess of Wales's) Imperial Yeomanry retain their old headquarters at Melbourne House, King's avenue, Clapham, S.W. An excellent riding school is attached. The number of men who have rejoined is satisfactory, and recruits are also in good numbers.

ELMAR.

OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

Interpretations.

In March, 1906, the Hobhouse Committee was appointed. In July, 1907, it reported the result of its inquiry. On Feb. 14, 1908, Mr. Sydney Buxton told a wondering world that he intended to spend £503,000 in carrying out this interpretation of the Hobhouse recommendations, and on the same day he informed the London Postal Supervising Staff that it was not then possible to forecast the changes which would be made in their classes—although apparently he could forecast the expense! And now May of the present year is well advanced, and still the supervising staff are waiting to know their fate. Small wonder is it, therefore, that they have again approached the Postmaster General, and that they have confronted him with the statement that Mr. Claude Hay and Mr. Meeham agree with their interpretation of two important paragraphs as against that of Mr. Buxton (or I should say his professional advisers), and that Messrs. Barker and Wardle have promised to go into the matter again as soon as they can meet the other members of the late Committee.

One good thing arises out of the delay, and that is that the anomalous position of the Department becomes more pronounced every day. As matters now stand, Manchester with its 700 rank and file has 19 superintendents and assistant-superintendents as against 25 assistant-superintendents for the eight large London District Offices, the rank and file of which is probably seven times more numerous than those at Manchester.

The supervising classes form a comparatively small body of men, but their interests are, or should be, the interests of the very large subordinate classes from which they are recruited, and I should like to see the Fawcett Association, the Postmen's Federation, and the kindred societies join hands in this matter as a beginning of that common action among P.O. servants which is advocated even by Mr. Buxton.

Official Delays.

Talking about official delays, can any of my readers suggest a remedy? The cynical indifference of the permanent officials and the bland manner in which the mouthpieces on the Treasury Bench read out the answers prepared by their "subordinates," fill me with wonderment and dismay. Is there no way of forcing the pace? Is there no way yet devised whereby a member can force a Minister to say something more than that an eighteen months old question is still "engaging his earnest attention"? Mr. Claude Hay certainly made a valiant effort the other day to get a little satisfaction for the Boy Clerks who are still waiting for a reply to their memorial which was sent to the Treasury eighteen months ago. In reply to his inquiry as to when the particulars of the new proposals concerning their employment will be announced, Mr. Hobhouse, the Secretary to the Treasury, said that the questions involve points of considerable difficulty, that he is not in a position to say definitely when a decision can be arrived at, but that "the matter is engaging my earnest attention."

This official and somewhat fatuous reply moved me much for Mr. Hay. "Is the hon. gentleman aware that the same reply has been given by two of his predecessors that sixteen months have elapsed since the matter was brought under the notice of the Treasury? How much longer will it take him to arrive at a point which a business man could settle in a week." That one sort of supplementary question I like to see recorded in Hansard. Force some blood in the man who asked it, would Mr. Hobhouse over. "I have to say only a week in my present appointment, but still an excuse for speed." But the fact is not Mr. Hobhouse who is in his room at Whitehall Gardens, but the Treasury, and it is to what is "engaging" attention" prompts to. The climate of Whitehall [illegible] must be held against the permanent officials at the Treasury, and [illegible] in that charge should be carefully [illegible] something like reorganisation of that department is brought about. One of two things must be the matter before the officials are incapable of dealing in eighteen months with what a business man could settle in a week" or the department is badly understaffed.

Dockyard Recruits.

I hope that my confrere "Bogie" will not be angry if I [illegible] on his preserves for a moment and offer two remarks about the Territorial Army and the dockyard recruits for the same. We presume the men are very backward in coming forward, and to be perfectly candid I don't blame them. If I were a mechanic in a royal dockyard—or any other workshop—I would not mind myself to serve under the conditions which unknown officials at the War Office have laid down as the "irreducible minimum" for our citizen soldiers. I believe that every able-bodied man should be able to carry arms, but the way the War Office is going on now is likely to kill all the enthusiasm in the Government workshops. The dockyardmen are not taking much interest in the new force, and no wonder after the Treasury letter which has been published about the leave which will be granted to Civil Servants for attendance at annual camps. In brief, it means that men will have to do their soldiering at their own expense. That is what it signifies, and the men know it.

Pension Efforts.

I am glad to see that the Committee of the Royal Arsenal Pension Fund, who represent the various War Department factories and kindred establishments, are still endeavouring to secure for Government workers a superannuation allowance. For twenty-one years the men have been agitating. During the first part of this time they devoted their energies towards inducing the Government to reinstate W.D. employees under the superannuation Act of 1859, the benefits of which were unjustly taken from them by a W.D. circular in December, 1861, and for the last ten years they have been urging on the authorities a scheme in which the workmen offer a substantial contribution from their wages in order to obtain pension rights.

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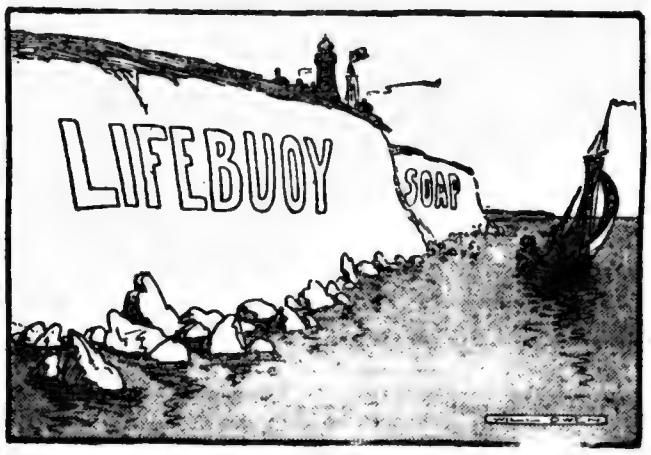

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CONJUGAL RIGHTS.

WIFE'S STRANGE STORY OF AN AGREEMENT.

In the Divorce Division yesterday, Justice Bucknill had again before him a petition of Mrs. J. H. Turner for restitution of conjugal rights against her husband, Mr. Rud. John Turner, a solicitor, of Moseley, Birmingham. A peculiar feature of the case rested on the wording of an agreement between the parties, and also on a promise—as alleged by the wife—that her husband would take her back after she had spent 12 months in a home at Ashford, Middlesex. The lady alleges that her husband did not keep to that agreement, and she now asked for an order.—In her evidence she said she was married in 1886, and for a time lived in Church-rd. Moseley. She and her husband lived fairly happily together until 1905, when they quarrelled, and she went to stay at a home at Ashford from Aug. 1, 1905, to Aug. 1, 1906, in consequence of her husband's letter saying that she should return no more after that time. He then proposed that she should stop another 12 months. He promised that the children should come to see her, and that everything should be done for her happiness. In June she received an enclosure of a draft agreement, and her husband came down to see her in July to

Try and Persuade Her

to sign it. She had previously objected to a number of clauses. He brought down an amended copy. He said the agreement might be rescinded at any time by mutual consent, and that it was only temporary in providing for her welfare for the next two years. He said if she did not sign the agreement the children would not come to see her or write to her, and that he would be as disagreeable as he could over money matters. "Of course," she added, "I should not have signed the agreement at all if I had not have wanted to see my children, and so I signed it." At that interview some suggestion was made about her return, and she said she had a perfect right to return to him. He replied that "if I did he would have a policeman in and turn me out." From time to time he had seen her children, and they were very much devoted to each other. The reason which led her to go to Ashford had now been "completely overcome," and she had been a "free agent" ever since. There had never been a suggestion of "a permanent separation" till her husband made it.

Letter on Behalf of the Wife.

—His lordship, at the former hearing, expressed the opinion that respondent should be communicated with to give him an opportunity of explaining his position in view of what the lady had said.—Mr. Mears, counsel for petitioner, now said that her solicitor had written to respondent in the terms suggested by his lordship. Counsel read it, and it detailed the above facts, adding:—

Is it not possible for you, with her, to bury the past and live together again? I am convinced she is genuinely desirous of doing so, and anxious to be with her children. She has now entirely overcome that weakness which contributed to the separation between you, and it would be the best ending of the unhappy matter.

—His Lordship: A very proper and an excellently expressed letter.

The Husband's Reply.

—Mr. Mears said respondent in reply wrote:—

So far as her statement is concerned I set out in your letter as to what took place in obtaining her signature to the document in question I am not in a position to deny it. I did bring pressure on her to sign, but at the time I thought I was justified in doing so. I regret now that I did not allow her to consult a solicitor on her behalf. Under the circumstances, therefore, I do not see that anything can be done by accepting his lordship's kind offer to allow me to come in and defend the petition. I must, therefore, leave the matter in his hands. I do not propose to appear.

Judge's Decision.

His lordship said that this was one of those genuine cases of an attempt on the part of petitioner to be taken back to her husband. He granted petitioner a decree for restitution of conjugal rights, with costs, the order to be complied with in 14 days.

M.P.'S REVOLT.

MR. WHITBREAD DECLINES TO BE DICTATED TO.

Mr. H. Whitbread, Radical M.P. for S. Hunts, whose opposition to the Licensing Bill is disapproved by some members of the Liberal executive, has informed that body that his resignation can be placed in their hands as soon as they like to intimate that they are prepared to accept it. Addressing his constituents at Huntingdon, Mr. Whitbread justified his opposition to the Bill, and said he was not a Chinese cheap labourer, and he declined to be kept in a compound to be let out to vote exactly as he was told.

THE EXECUTIVE GIVE WAY.

Then by a representative of "The People," yesterday afternoon, at his residence in London, Mr. Whitbread authorised the following statement:—Before the second reading, Mr. Whitbread informed the South Hunts Liberal Executive that if he was in the House of Commons, he should vote against the Licensing Bill. He offered as an alternative, to resign his seat. By a vote of 19 to 3 he was asked to retain the seat and released him his undertaking not to oppose the Bill. Mr. Whitbread, a member of a well-known brewing firm, gained both Hunts at the General Election, defeating the Unionist candidate by 620.

"WIDE AWAKE, BUT WON'T ANSWER."

Yesterday, at Poplar, Mr. Baxter held an inquest on Wm. Jas. Clarke, 44, hairdresser, of Brook-st.—A step-daughter was in the habit of sending a little girl with some dinner to deceased every day. On Wednesday she went as usual, but returned and said, "He's wide awake, but won't answer."—A neighbour found the man quite dead.—The cause of death was heart failure, consequent on pulmonary tuberculosis.—Verdict accordingly.

The Prime Minister, with Mrs. Asquith and the Misses Asquith, is spending the week-end in the country. The Premier returns to town to-morrow.

WORKMEN FIGHT.

EXCITING ENCOUNTER NEAR SOUTHEND.

A misunderstanding over a building contract was responsible for some extraordinary scenes at Little Wakering, near Southend, last night. A house, for Mr. R. Horner, produce broker, of London, is being erected in the village. The original contract, for about £2,000, was given to Mr. Ducat, a local builder. About six weeks ago, when the building had proceeded only in its initial stages, Mr. Horner and the builder disagreed. As a result Mr. Ducat and his men pulled down what had been erected, and Mr. Erwin, of Essex-rd., London, was entrusted with the work. The building had been carried on as far as the rafters, when, between four and five o'clock, yesterday, Mr. Ducat and about 40 of his men broke down the temporary fencing in front of the house with the intention, it is said, of stripping the roof. A dozen or so of Mr. Erwin's men were on top of the house, and when a ladder was about to be placed against the building by Mr. Ducat's men they were met by

A Volley of Bricks

taken from the coping above. The fusillade was returned, and the exchange of brickbats between the combatants continued for 15 or 20 minutes. Four of the men below were by that time seriously injured, one being removed to a doctor's surgery with a bad scalp wound, whilst one of the men on the roof was also badly hurt. Others were more or less cut about. Dr. Oglesby, recognising the gravity of the situation appealed to the combatants to desist, and they eventually did so. A considerable body of police were present, under Supt. Pyke, of Southend, and a large number of people witnessed the encounter. Among them were many London visitors, who had come over in brakes from Southend, and hundreds of cyclists and motorists. It is understood negotiations are in progress which will prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

A BARNES TRACEDY.

DOCTOR'S SON DECAPITATED ON THE LINE.

Yesterday a sad story was told at Mortlake when Dr. Taylor held an inquest on John Miller Calder, 20, son of a London doctor, who was found decapitated on the line at Barnes.—Dr. Augustus Calder, of Hazlitt-rd., Kensington, said deceased had been delicate all his life, and his mind gradually got weaker until just lately he might be called an imbecile, and felt his position with regard to the other boys. On Wednesday evening, after witness had occasion to speak to him, for interfering with his sister's studies, he found him sitting in the dark in his bedroom. He tried to persuade him to come down to the dining-room. He came into the hall, when he seemed to be

SEIZED WITH A SUDDEN IMPULSE,

and rushed out of the house. Subsequently, with deceased's sister, witness made a search for him at Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush, knowing that he was interested in the Exhibition and in busy scenes. They returned at one o'clock, not having found him, but as he had been out late at night before witness was not at all anxious—Edk. Snow, of 17, Barnes-ter., deposed to seeing the body on the line between the up and down roads.—Dr. Crookshank said the head was completely severed from the body, and expressed the opinion that deceased must have met his death by a train which passed over the bridge in the early morning.—The jury returned an open verdict of found dead.

MISS MARIE LLOYD.

APPLICATION CONCERNING A DISPUTED CONTRACT.

An application was made in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, yesterday, to have Miss Marie Lloyd interdicted from appearing at the Pavilion Theatre, Glasgow, in that she had entered into a contract with the Moss Companies (Ltd.) not to appear within so many miles of the Moss Theatres. On Tuesday an application was made at the Glasgow Sheriff's Court, but it was pleaded that the lady repudiated her signature, and the court declined to grant an interdict. Yesterday counsel submitted that the contract left no loophole, and it was of the greatest importance that the sanctity of these contracts should be maintained.—Lord Guthrie refused to grant an interim interdict, and intimated that the case would be heard to-morrow. His lordship stated that if the validity of the signature was to be denied he expected Miss Lloyd to be present.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.

Yesterday, at Reading, Jas. Lunnon was sentenced to six months' hard labour for assaulting his wife, Margaret Lunnon. It was alleged that defendant had punched complainant, blacked her eyes, kicked her, and bruised her, whilst teeth marks were traceable in many places. The wife, whilst in the witness-box, was on several occasions on the verge of collapsing. She looked exceedingly ill and weak, and was hardly able to stand.

WOMEN UNIONISTS AT OXFORD.

The Duke of Marlborough presided this afternoon at a largely attended meeting at Oxford of the City and County Branch of the Women's Unionist and Tariff Reform Association. His Grace spoke of the rapid advance which was being made by the association, and invited the members to hold a demonstration in Blenheim Park during the summer. Addresses were also determined by the Hon. Mrs. Ivor Maxse, chairman of the Central Committee, and Mr. A. Hamersley, prospective Unionist candidate for Mid-Oxon.

FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

The General Purposes Committee of the L.C.C. will recommend at next Tuesday's meeting of the Council that an address of welcome be presented to President Fallieres on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to London.

Last night the King witnessed the performance of "Jack Straw" at the Vaudeville Theatre.

DUMPED HOPS PROTEST.

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.

DUTY ON FOREIGN IMPORTS DEMANDED.

From North, South, East and West, vast crowds bore down upon Trafalgar-square yesterday to be present at the monster open-air demonstration arranged by the London and Provincial Hop-pickers' Defence League, with the object of calling upon the Government to take steps to prevent any further reduction in the acreage devoted to hop culture in England, and to ask for an import duty to be placed on foreign hops. From Kent and Sussex, from Worcester and Hereford, and from the East and South-East of London, the demonstrators came, moving in locally-formed processions to the Victoria Embankment, whence, massed and marshalled six abreast, they marched to the Square, where five platforms ranged round the plinth of Nelson's Column afforded vantage ground from which speakers told the story of the decay of the hop-growing industry in England, and afforded a most striking object-lesson for Tariff Reform.

Over 50,000 Present.

The following is an official estimate of the number taking part in the demonstration:—Ten thousand conveyed to London Bridge in 13 special trains from the Kent and Sussex hopfields; 2,000 from Worcester and Hereford; 40,000 London hop-pickers. That the estimate of 40,000 under the last head is moderate may be gathered from the statement that there are 250,000 hop-pickers in London. During the last 20 years, largely owing to unrestricted foreign imports, 21,000 acres of hops have gone out of cultivation, representing an annual loss in wages of £525,000. Shortly after noon the brown-faced workers from the countryside began to assemble, by their very appearance giving the lie to the Radical Free Importers, who, in their alarm, had sought to throw doubt on the genuineness of the agitation.

Significant Messages.

The men from Kent and Sussex assembled in Southwark-rd. in a deep column which extended from the Hop Exchange almost to Blackfriars-Bridge. Many had already taken their places when the Kent band, with a large detachment of workers, swung up the road with banners flying. Some of these bore the names of the various villages forming the contingent, but at the head was the following significant legend:

OVER 5,000 ACRES GRUBBED SINCE OCTOBER IN KENT ALONE.

Another message showed how Free Imports have injured the Kentish industry. It ran:

IN 1870 OVER 71,600 ACRES
IN 1908 UNDER 40,000 ACRES.
HAWKHURST AND SANDHURST DEMAND 40/- DUTY ON ALL FOREIGN IMPORTED HOPS.

Other Contingents.

Meanwhile the other sections which were to take part in the great demonstration were assembling in different parts of the metropolis. One section left Camberwell Green just before 12.45, and joined with the Borough pickers' procession in Long-lane, by St. George's Church. The Hampshire contingent arrived at Waterloo at two o'clock, and the Worcester and Hereford workers at Farringdon-st. at ten. An East End band of demonstrators formed up in Philpot-st. All these various contingents marched to the Embankment at two o'clock, where they formed up for their procession to Trafalgar-sq. As they passed through the busy streets large crowds assembled at various points, and showed their sympathy with the men by freely buying the artificial hop favours which were being sold by itinerant vendors.

Chinese Labour.

One flaring banner which attracted considerable attention was as follows:

SMALL HOPS PICKED BY CHINAMEN MAKE ENGLAND'S HOP TRADE DIE!
THERE'S FIFTY THOUSAND KENTISH MEN
WILL KNOW THE REASON WHY.

The Worcester contingent bore on high:—

WORCESTER TRUSTS YOU TO SAVE HER HOP INDUSTRY FROM DESTRUCTION BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

Another motto as in rhyme, which, however unlettered, puts the case of the Londion sufferers forcibly.

The rich have many holidays,
But we have only one.
And people have been telling us,
That soon we shall have none
So please to try and help us,
For you know 'twould give us pain
If we couldn't go a-hopping
Down in dear old Kent again.

In Loving Memory.

Many of the demonstrators had provided themselves before setting out with specimens of the genuine article, but all wore some emblem of the industry which is being ruined by free imports. Detachment after detachment marched up with flying banners, until the procession stretched six deep from Blackfriars to Waterloo Bridge. At half-past three, amid cheers, they set out for Trafalgar-sq., where a large crowd had already assembled in anticipation of their arrival. Scores of banners with inscriptions varying from a gruesome skull and cross bones

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE HOP GARDENS OF OLD ENGLAND.

two humorous cartoons told the story of the ruin of the English hop industry. Another message read:—

LUDBURY DISTRICT.
OUR HOP GARDENS WANT SAYING, THAT IS WHY WE ARE RAGING.

THE SCENE IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE. MR. AUGUSTUS LUNEY, A WELL KNOWN HOP GROWER AND BREWER, ADDRESSING THE MASS MEETING.

[Photo, London News Agency

Men of Staffordshire carried the appeal:—

STAFFORDSHIRE PEOPLE
YOU TO SAVE THE HOPS FOR HER CHILDREN.

England's Duty.

High up on the plinth in Trafalgar-square, under the monument of Nelson, was the legend —

ENGLAND EXPECTS THAT FOREIGN HOPS WILL HAVE TO PAY A DUTY.

Seldom has such a large gathering been seen in Trafalgar-square, and seldom has any demonstration aroused such enthusiasm. Thousands of people lined Northumberland-avenue, and cheered as the banners demanding fair play appeared. The terrace overlooking the Square and the steps of the National Gallery were packed with a dense mass of people, and still further streams were pouring in from north, south, east, and west. In the procession itself it was possible to pick out every class of worker — grower, labourer, picker, walked side by side in a common demand for justice. The arrangements were excellent, and, despite the great size of the procession, the police had no difficulty in regulating the traffic.

Desire for Tariff Reform.

Fresh cheers received the procession as it began to defile into Trafalgar-sq., where, on the plinth of Nelson's column, the speakers had already taken up their positions. Towards the end of the long column of demonstrators were 30 vans conveying women and children from the East End who are being deprived of their annual outing in the hop fields as a result of the dumping of foreign hops. Many of the women, in addition to a lavish display of hop favours, wore grotesque paper bonnets, and added to the merriment of the proceedings by their witticisms. Not the least striking feature of the demonstration was the evidence it afforded of the strong desire for Tariff Reform among the general public who were not taking part in the protest. In addition to this, the telling facts and appeals on the banners must have caused those who have hitherto been apathetic to realise what unfair competition is doing for England. There could be no mistaking the intense earnestness of the demonstrators from the outset. The speakers were enthusiastically received by the seething mass of humanity overflowing far beyond the confines of the great square.

In Trafalgar-square.

The meeting was expected to commence at 3.30, but at that hour the van of the procession had not reached the Square, and as more than an hour and a quarter was occupied in marching them in, speeches did not start until nearly five, and even then the whole of the procession, though stepping out briskly, had not arrived in the Square. There were five platforms, the East, North, and West sides of the plinth, and the steps at the East and West corners of the North side of the Square. The speakers met with an enthusiastic reception.

Mr. Alfred Bannister, chairman and organiser of the League, described the demonstration as the most remarkable that London had ever seen. It was a demonstration of countrymen and Londoners who were occupied at some time or other in the course of the year in the English hop industry. He denied that it was a small industry. He challenged any other industry to bring together such an enormous meeting. (Cheers.) It was not a political meeting. There was, in fact, nothing political about it. If it were it would be the

Death-knell of the Government.

The organisers had had no assistance in any shape or form from any political organisation. He had great faith in the Select Committee of the House of Commons which was sitting in regard to this question, and believed that its result would be that some action would be taken in Parliament almost immediately which would do a lot to save the industry. If the Government "shied" at the duty, they might find another remedy in an extension of the principles of the Patent Act. Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill could easily say to the English brewers, "You have a monopoly under license from the British Government, and we require you to brew your beer from English-grown hops." Great as that demonstration was, if nothing were done he would guarantee to bring one to London ten times as large, but he would not promise that it would be ten times better tempered. They meant business and were not going to let their industry die. The following telegram was read by the chairman:—

Manchester Brewers' Association offer you sincere sympathy in your efforts to secure better conditions for the hop industry in this country.

The Resolution

The following resolution was put from each of the platforms, and was declared carried amid enthusiastic cheering:—

That this great meeting of delegates and representatives of all classes connected with the English hop industry views with consternation the continuous and alarming reduction of the English hop acreage, and the ruin of an industry of great national importance.

It calls upon the Government, without delay, to take steps not only to prevent any further reduction, but to help to reinstate the acreage which has already been grubbed, by adopting the remedy of an import duty of 40s. per cwt. upon all imported foreign hops, which is so unanimously demanded by the industry.

This meeting wishes to impress upon the Government the fact that the hop industry maintains the greatest proportionate amount of labour on the land, and urges that unjustifiable treatment be given to those workers from London and other large towns, who annually obtain remunerative employment and a most healthful change for themselves and their children in the hop gardens of England.

Further, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Select Committee, the members of the Government, and the members of the Opposition in both Houses of Parliament.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S PERIL.

LORD ALVERSTONE HAS A NARROW ESCAPE.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Alverstone) was in considerable danger yesterday in consequence of the horse attached to his carriage bolting. It appears that Lord Alverstone, who lives at Kensington, was taking a "constitutional" in the neighbourhood of Battersea, and at the time of the affair was some 20 minutes' drive from his home. When in Falconbrook, the horse bolted, and galloped furiously along the street. It swung safely round the corner of High-st. with the coachman tugging away with all his strength at the reins, then, clearing the pavement, brought itself to a standstill by dashing into the doorway of a public-house. Here a little boy happened to be standing. The horse knocked him down, but did not seriously injure him.

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

Meanwhile the coachman, to avoid being dashed into the walls of the public-house, had jumped from the seat of the carriage. Bystanders seized the reins and pacified the horse, whilst others assisted Lord Alverstone to alight. His lordship, who had remained quietly seated throughout the exciting incident, was found to have received a severe shaking. His first thought was to proceed to a telephone, and, whilst informing them of the adventure, to reassure the members of his family that he had sustained no injury. Later in the day an inquiry at Lord Alverstone's house elicited the information that his lordship was recovering from the effects of the severe shaking he had received, and that there was no occasion for any anxiety.

H.M. the Queen and suite were present at the performance of "Tristan und Isolde" at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, last night.

THE MILLWALL CONTINGENT

[Photo, World's Graphic Press.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Two stowaways on board the Cape liner Norman were, at Southampton, each fined £10.

The members of the National Fire Brigade Union will pay a ten-day visit to Scarborough in July.

During a storm at Wigton one cow and four lambs were killed by lightning.

In a case at Scunthorpe, it was stated that the two parents and six children occupied one small bedroom.

Mr. G. D. Blanchard has been appointed the Lindsey County Court agent under the Small Holdings Act.

Three "illusionists" appearing at West Bromwich Hippodrome, were remanded on a charge of shoplifting.

Mr. F. W. Sherwood has been appointed Recorder of Worcester in the place of Mr. H. H. Amphlett, K.C.

Much opposition has been raised at Great Yarmouth to the proposed introduction of taxi-cabs.

For a savage assault on the police Benj. Marshall was, at Nottingham, sent to prison for six months.

Dr. J. J. Butterworth has been appointed medical superintendent of schools for the County of Lancashire.

Minnie Newton was remanded at Crewe, charged with unlawfully wounding Ellen Hough, a neighbour.

Two deaths occurred at Barnsley to young children, who set themselves on fire when playing with matches.

The new recreation ground at Farnworth, Bolton, given by Lord Ellesmere, is to be opened next week.

Wm. Plant, a retired publican, was found strangled at his residence at Leicester.

Penalties aggregating £37 10s. were imposed at Lancaster upon six motorists for exceeding the speed limit.

Pte. Oldaker was wrestling with a friend when he was struck by his bayonet and died. Inquest verdict, Misadventure.

Mrs. Ross Cunningham was instantly killed by falling down the cellar steps at Barrow. Inquest verdict Accidental death.

As the result of a fall from his horse, Dr. Hoare, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ardagh, is suffering from concussion of the spine.

Queen Maud of Norway and the Princess of Wales have sent gifts of flowers to brighten the wards of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital.

Lord Ardilaun has portioned out a farm of 150 acres among his Dringeen tenants, in lots varying from five to six acres, at a nominal rent.

Col. Clapham, a Manchester merchant and Volunteer officer has contributed £5,000 to the Manchester and Salford Hospital.

The body of Nellie Heworth, the three-year-old daughter of a collier, was found in the Manchester Ship Canal near Leigh.

THREE MEN IN A BOAT.

SINGULAR ADVENTURES AT BARKING.

The adventures of three men in a boat were heard at Stratford Police Court, yesterday, when Wm. Fullerton, 37, of Dongola-rd., Plaistow, Thos. Ashworth, 34, of Western-rd., Plaistow, and Alfred Barlow, 29, of Gwendoline-avenue, Upton Park, labourers, were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and Barlow further with assaulting Donald Gordon.—The evidence showed that Jas. Gordon, a son of Mr Donald Gordon, manager of Hewitt's Wharf, at Barking, said prisoners got into a boat fastened to the store. Telling them they must not take it away, they used "very nice language" and pushed the boat off amid-stream. All three were the worse for drink, and as the boat was rocking about and the men were in some danger, Mr. Gordon called out to them to come ashore. Barlow yelled back, "When I do come ashore I'll give you policeman ——. I'll knock your face in." this referring to Gordon's order to his son to go for a policeman. At last they got close to a yacht, and climbing on this Barlow got ashore. He then rushed at Mr. Gordon, and seizing him by the throat tried to

THROW HIM INTO THE CREEK

He did, indeed, get prosecutor immersed to his waist, and his companions called out, "Drown the old ——." He returned to the boat, and Mr. Gordon's son tried to prevent them sailing off, but Barton held an oar in a threatening way, and Fullerton lifted a spar. Both father and son were hit, but at last Mrs. Gordon, having assisted her husband and son, Gordon with "a bit of timber," disarmed the two men who then got ashore and made off.—P.C. Rawlings said after the affray he saw the three men in the Broadway, Barking, "rolling about, arguing the point," and shouting out one to the other. Passers-by had to get off the path, and he, with assistance, arrested them.—The defence was that the men wanted to get to a friend's boat, and it was customary to use adjoining boats for such purposes. All the men declared they were sober, Barlow saying he had only had five or six drinks.—Barlow fined 40s., and costs. Fullerton 20s. and costs, and Ashworth 5s. and costs.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

Yesterday Lieut. B. N. Denison, a young officer with a remarkable record, was selected for an appointment as adjutant in Sir H. Smith-Dorrien's striking force at Aldershot. Mr. Denison is the son of Rear-Admiral Denison, of the Home Fleet, and adopted his father's profession. Serving as a midshipman in the Boer war, he was specially recommended for advancement when qualified. Before the end of that campaign he had decided to transfer to the sister Service, and received a commission in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, passing for promotion after less than six months' service. He also gained a special certificate at the School of Signalling. Two years ago he was specially selected for duty as instructor of the Canadian forces.

The Women's Freedom League is holding the first demonstration in Trafalgar-sq. to-day (Sunday), at 3.30. The speakers will be Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Billington Greig, Mrs. Holmes, and others, with Miss Mary Smith in the chair.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

DOINGS OF LONDON TERRITORIALS.

Results were issued of the shooting in the competitions of the South London Rifle Club (and District) for the Champion Shield which were held at Stanes in an favourable weather shooting took place at the extreme distances 800 900 and 1,000 yards. The list was headed by Mr C. J. Hill with 75, and Corpl W. H. Critchett 73. Colr Sergt Howe being next with 70 in the Unlimited series the highest totals were those of—at 800 yards—Colr Sergt Howe 32, at 900, Mr. H. E. Gubbins 26, and at 1,000 Colr Sergt Howe 30.

On the City rifle ranges at Rainham the annual competitions by members of the 6th Batn City of London Regt (late 2nd London Rifles) for the trophies presented by Earl Roberts (honorary colonel) and the Hebdomagery Co., took place, a series of money prizes being attached to each. In the first of these the conditions were—7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. N.R.A. targets and marking, and in the second, teams of seven (any rank) from a Co fired under similar conditions. The Roberts Cup was won by Pte Smith with an aggregate of 95, next in order of merit being Pte Clark 90 Colr Sergt Doggrell 84 and Pte Thompson 83. E Co won the Fishmongers Cup and first prize.

The 3rd Co of London Imperial Yeomanry held a competition at Staines under King's first stage conditions. The highest aggregates were those compiled by Trpr Wright 93, Sergt Reid 91, Lance-corpl Lendon 90, Trpr O'Donoghue 89, Trpr Tayler 88, Corpl Loveless and Trpr. Lay 86 each, Corpl Harding and Corpl Ratcliffe 85, Qrmr sergt Hare 84, Sergt. Charlton 84, and Sergt Towers, 82. It was stated on the ranges that 80 per cent of the members have transferred to the Territorials.

The 13th County of London (late 4th West Middlesex Rifles) held a competition at Staines under King's first stage conditions. The leading aggregates were those of Corpl Snell 89, Lance sergt. Clark 88, Pte Rouse 80, Sergt Ellis 80, Sergt Evans 77, and Corpl Franwell 75.

The drums and fife band of the 20th Co of London held their annual prize meeting at Staines. Among the best scores were those made by Drumr Rogers 72, Drumr Robertson 66, and Drumr Trusty 64.

On the ranges of the N.R.A. at Bisley, members of the London and Middlesex Counties Rifle Association, held a series of competitions under King's first stage conditions. A number of remarkable scores being compiled under King's 1st stage conditions. In class A, the list was headed by Corpl A. Davidson, and Mr. E. H. Nelson, 100 each, next in order being Pte. Gould and Hobbins, and Sergt W. A. Stirling, 99 each, Pte. McElquham, A. Cocks, and H. Snellgrove, 98 each. In class B the best totals were those of Mr. Downing, 93, Lieut Grimsdale, 93, Corpl Trembarth, 92, and Sergt Latham, 92. In class C, Sergt A. G. Gray, 99, Lieut MacGill, 98, Sergt-maj. Chapman 93, and in class D Mr. Lindgreen, 100, Sergt T. Williams, 95, Sergt. Love, 92, Mr. H. Baker, 91, and Mr. Simpson, 91.

The Middlesex Yeomanry held a competition at Bisley under King's 1st stage conditions, and the best aggregates were those of Corpl Betsey 96, Trooper Collins, 90, Sergt Matthews, 90, and Trooper Mollier, 88.

Yesterday at Bisley the annual prize meeting of the 9th Batn Co of London (Queen Victoria's) was continued. In the principal competition under King's first stage conditions the highest aggregates were those of Pte Moore 97, Pte Johnson 95, Sergt Bayles 95, Mr. Pixley 94, Corpl Miller 93, Sergt Herne 92, Pte Coleman 90, Pte Geiger 89, and Corpl A. C. Herne, Pte Peach, and Pte. Simmonds 86 each.

At Bisley the 8th Batn Essex Regt. held a competition under King's first stage conditions and the highest totals secured were those of Capt. Spence 92, Pte For 92, Capt Kittoe 90, and Capt. Ward 83.

On the ranges of the N.R.A. at Bisley the prize meeting of the 12th Batn Co of London (Rangers) was continued with the competition for the "Dramatic" Vase and prizes and the "Goldcoats" prize (for officers). In the first seven rounds were fired at 200, 500 and 600 yards, and the chief winners were—Col-sergt. Barber 96, Pte. Sandlin 88, Pte Harvey 83, Sergt. Winter 85, Pte. Willsher 82, and Corpl. Johnson and Sergt. Fleming 81 each. At the prize meeting of F Co. under similar conditions, the highest scores were those of Corpl. King 91, Sergt. Martin 81, Lce.-corpl Spicer 75, and Pte. Cox 61.

The annual prize meeting of the 16th Co of London (Queen's Westminster Rifles) was continued at Bisley with a competition under King's 2nd stage conditions. The best scores made by Pte Roche 93, Pte Gill 92, Pte. Fulton 91, Bugler Dawton 90, Pte. Bell 87, Lce.-corpl Dorking 87, Pte Mansfield 86, Pte Bayly 85, Pte Paige 85, and Pte Nutting 84.

At Bisley the 15th Co. of London (Civil Service) continued the annual prize meeting, the second shoot in the first stage of the Prince of Wales's series being disposed of. Seven rounds were fired at 200, 500 and 600 yards, King's targets and marking. The chief aggregates were those recorded for Lieut. Digens 96, Pte McElquham 95, Lance corpls Mann 95, Melady 95, Pte. Reid 94, and Sergt Payne 94.

The 14th County of London (London Scottish) also held a second stage King's shoot at Bisley. The principal scores were those of Piper Lasham 93, Corpl Davidson 93, Sergt. Forbes 91, Lance-corpl. Wilson 91, Pte Gardiner 89, Pte. Mackerness 88, Pte. W. Gray 87, Pte. Stiven 85, Bugler Brown 84, Pte. Turner 83, Sergt. Chick 83, Pte Hunter 82, Capt. Lindsay 81, and Pte. Miller 81 points.

On the Stickledown ranges the Surrey Rifle Association held a long-range shoot. The conditions were: seven rounds at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards, Bisley targets and marking. The best totals were compiled by Pte Ransom 90, Pte. Styles 85, Armr.-sergt. Miles 85, Typr. Ebbutt 85, Sergt. Player 85, Pte Baker 85, Maj. Morlock 85, Sergt. Godbeer 81, Pte. Gravett 79, Pte Gowan 76, Pte. Hunter 76, Pte. Vincent 76, Colr-sergt. Heath 74, Sergt Higgs 71, and Corpl. Austin 71.

The 5th Queen's West Surrey Regt. held a long range shoot at Bisley, seven rounds at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, Bisley targets and marking. The highest scores were compiled by Armr.-sergt. Miles, 85; Sergt. Player, 85; Sergt. Godbeer, 81; Sergt. Gravett, 79, Pte. Hunter, 76, and Corpl. Grover, 76 points.

At Bisley the East London Engineers held a regimental rifle club shoot under King's first stage conditions. The principal totals were those of Sergt.-maj. Chapman, 97, Spr. Smith, 93, and Sergt. Reynolds, 89.

At Bromley (Kent) good scores were made in the weekly spoon competitions of the Lewisham Rifle Club the conditions being seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards. W. M. Barnes again headed the list with the fine total of 100. Other scores were: S. H. Welband 98, A. S. Blower 98, G. H. Payne 97, D. J. Platts 97, J. Sheldon 95, C. J. Purvis 95, H. W. Ansell 90, W. K. Gregory 88, C. D. Leyden 89, and A. C. Macklin 87.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Yesterday, the Midland Counties Conference of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows at Leicester passed a resolution appreciating the sympathy shown by the Government towards aged workers of the country by their pension scheme, but strongly urging upon Parliament the desirability of instructing the pension authority, in considering the income of applicants for pensions, not to take into account any superannuation or sickness benefit received from friendly societies.

INDOOR GAMES AND PASTIMES.

NOTES, PROBLEMS, & PUZZLES.

BY OUR OWN SPECIALISTS.

CARDS.

[By E. B. TURNER.]

I have received answers to the various problems in Cribbage and Bridge from "Buckingham Bridge Club" (you see it was my bad writing, I corrected the "paired" for "passed" last week), W. Levaseur (known as the "Five hands of 24"), A. Morris—Cribb—H. Clement (Thanks for two problems, but I have published both before), Victor (that is the worst of that sort of problem; see notes re correction), Mendacium super Mare, Chas. Ott (will use), Bert Palmer (the answers for Bridge queries, thanks for note re score, which I publish), C. A. Clarke (have published problem before, thanks for sending it), Joe Wilson (will use), Rimbleton, F. Goldsworthy (will use). I have received the following from Bert Palmer, (who may interest some of my readers if not already have never played Cribbage in that way myself) —"I have observed lately that twice you answered an inquiry with the reply—Score 46, and I am wondering whether the inquiry related to the six cards 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6. A little time back I was asked how many points such cards scored, and I naturally gave 46 as my answer. But to my surprise I was informed that 144 was the total score, and that 'The Sporting Life' had, when appealed to on the subject, supported the 144 contention. You can imagine how my amazement soon passed, when I learned that, in some parts, Cribbage is played with five cards in hand and the turn-up—six cards in all. And that the manner of scoring is to count five cards at a time only. Thus with cards 4, 4, 5, 6, 6, and 6 you proceed as follows —

First 4 with 5, 5, 6 and 6	24
Second 4 with 5, 5, 6 and 6	24
First 5 with 4, 4, 6 and 6	24
Second 5 with 4, 4, 6 and 6	24
First 6 with 4, 4, 5 and 5	24
Second 6 with 4, 4, 5 and 5	24
Total	144

If, therefore (as I suspect) your correspondent's query is as intimated, the reply, 'Score 144,' though to my mind ridiculous, might satisfy him."

Myself pondered why so many readers lately asked me the score of 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, especially as it is not a hand in recognised Cribbage. Doubtless the above explains it. Two weeks ago I published the following in reply to Mr W. Cockerton, that with cards played, 6, 2, 6, 3, 5, 4, there was only one run of three, and that the two did not come in. Of course, if I did send in any such reply I can only account for it by (I hope) a temporary mental aberration, with the cards as printed there is one run of 5 and 2 does come in I have not Mr. Cockerton's letter now, and if he would repeat his question I should be pleased. But as far as I can remember now the third card was not a six that some breaking card, most probably an eight, which my bad writing caused the printer to set up as a 6. That sort of run is the kind which I am always being asked to give a decision about, and on which I wrote a special article some months ago, pointing out how to score it. Several correspondents have pointed out the error to me, for which I thank them. I have had another letter, which I am sorry I cannot print, as the author states in it he does not wish it published, which might have been inspired by the above error, only I had a separate correction of that from the same pen. The writer "goes for me" in the most refreshing fashion, and, as I like every one to speak out their mind, I am sure it will act on me as an excellent tonic. I may differ with him and do not consider the question of the defunct spade declaration solved by his "Ipse dixit," nor can I agree that I know nothing about Solo Whist, but I mention it because he is very down on the "silly Cribbage problems," and says I should give hands at Cribbage and how they should be played, etc. Now I find I get answers to problems and problems sent to me from all over the world, but still if my readers prefer it, I would give them up, and republish the articles I wrote some years ago as to the play of Cribbage hands, etc., though I myself consider such a thing superfluous, as the play and discard in every hand must depend on the score, etc. However, I am in my readers' hands, and hope they will let me know what they wish.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CRIBBAGE.—Anxious.—You do not lose the game. The error is only corrected C. H. C.—Cards played, 7, 5, 5, 5, 6, give no run, only 2 for 31. T. Vandenburgh.—Have noted, as you see. A Constant Reader.—There is no run. T. J. Beard.—Twelve, 6 by pairs and 6 by fifteens. Several correspondents pointed out the error in answer to W. Cockerton. I have treated it in my notes.

BRIDGE.—H. S.—No. H. S.—Hand 1: Diamonds at the score. Hand 2: I should not re-double myself as one trick takes you out, and your opponents would want 4, and make is on the wrong side. Oasis (Dalton-on-Bridge).—8s. 6d. at any bookseller. Bert Palmer.—(1) When a player does not hold a trump. (2) "Paired" was a misprint for "passed." (3) None.

CHESS.

[By T. F. LAWRENCE.]

A keenly contested struggle took place on Friday, May 8, at the "Mocca," Chancery-lane, to decide the tie between the Lad-Eagle and Hampstead Clubs for the premier position in the A division of the London League competition. Arrangements had been made to increase the number of boards to 40, and both clubs had made strenuous efforts to put into the field their strongest possible teams. Scoring was at first very level, but Lad-Eagle slowly drew ahead and after the unfinished games had been adjudicated by "The People" representative the result was declared as Lad-Eagle, 22½; Hampstead, 17½. It is noticeable that on the additional 20 boards the score was 10 all, the match being decided on the first 20. Much interest was evinced in the match and the games were closely followed by a large number of spectators.

The Championship of the City of London Club has resulted in favour of Mr T. F. Lawrence, who takes first prize and holds the Gentlemen Cup for the year with a score of 14½. Mr. W. Ward being second with 14 points and Mr Wainwright third with 13. Then come Mr. Uber with 11 and Mr. J. H. Blake with 10½, both with one game to play. Mr. J. F. Savage has won the Mocatta Cup, Mr. J. Kaiser the Russell Cup, and Mr. P. Gibbs the Mewdon Cup.

Play in the match now in progress at Vienna between Teichmann and Rubinstein has resulted in Teichmann winning the first game, a Four Knights Game, in 51 moves; Rubinstein, the second, a Queen's Gambit declined; while the third has been adjourned after a five hours' struggle, Teichmann having rather the better position.

Baron von Rothschild has declared the two unfinished games in the Anglo-Americal Cable Match, Blackburn v. Hodges and Richmond v. Delmar, to be drawn. This makes the final score:—America, 4½; Gt. Britain, 3½.

For the second year in succession the hon. secretary, Miss Hooke, has won the Championship of the Ladies Chess Club. Mrs J. Walter Russell, hon match captain, is second, and Mrs James third.

A problem-solving tourney, beginning on Friday, May 22, in "The Western Daily Mercury." Two problems each week will be given, and there will be five prizes.

A CLEVERLY PLAYED GAME FROM THE VIENNA MASTER TOURNAMENT.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

White, Marshall. Black, Duras.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P Q4	P Q4	20 Kt×Kt	Q×Kt
2 P K5	P QB4	21 Kt Q2	Q K7
3 P×P	P K3	22 P B4(f)	P×P
4 P QR3	B×P	23 Kt K4	KR Qsq
5 P×QKt4	B K2		(g)
6 B Kt2	B B3(a)	24 Kt K×3	R×Kt(h)
7 P QB4	Kt Q2(b)	25 R×R	Q Q1(i)
8 Kt Kt3	Kt K5	26 B B3	P K5
9 P QR3	P QB4	27 B×B	P×B
10 P Q4?	B Q3(c)	28 R QBsq	Q Q6
11 Kt Q2	R QBsq	29 R—Qsq	P B4 (j)
12 K QBsq	Kt K2	30 R×Q	P×R
13 B Q3	Kt Kt3	31 Kt K4	P Q7(k)
14 Castles	Castles	32 Kt×P(B)ch	K Rsq
15 Q K3(C)	P K4		
16 R×Kt	R×R	33 Kt K4(l)	B B4
17 KE Qsq(D)	B×Kt	34 Q R3ch	K Ksq
18 Q R5	Q B2	35 Kt Bsch	K Bsq
19 Q—Rsq	Kt B5(e)	36 Resigns(k)	

A. New and good.

B Obviously Black has the better game. How to take advantage of his positional superiority is a problem which Duras demonstrates in true masterly style.

C. Intending P—B4, a manoeuvre that Black anticipates.

D. If now P—QR5 then P—K5 with advantage.

E. Excellent play. White's cramped position is in painful contrast to Black's freedom of action.

F. Desperation, but had he anything better?

G Black never slackens his grip on the position. The methods employed are very instructive as well as highly artistic.

H. Beautiful, though not unexpected.

I. Pretty play. Clearly White cannot capture at Q83 because of eventual P—Q8 ♕ A last chance. Black may incautiously play P—B7.

K An exceedingly played game on Black's part. Marshall was out of his element, and his play suffered accordingly.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 330.

By C. G. Gavrilow.

Key move. 1. Q—QKt5

If B×Q, 2. R(Q4) mate.

If Q×B, 2. Q×P mate.

If Kt—Q5, 2. Q×P mate.

Correct solutions received from —J. H. Burtinck, R. Kelly, H. A. Ness, E. C. Cobb, H. Johnson, T. W. Petre, "Sine die Marke," H. Schoolman, A. W. Bick, W. F. Stewart, T. M. H., A. V. Mitchell, F. G. L. G. W. Wild, C. Watson, W. E. Shepheard, A. Gillespie, A. W. Bush, C. R. Niederheitmann, H. Peach, A. H. Cock, F. C. Dixon, F. Stacey, B. Hoare, "Old Solver," H. A. Bicksley, H. F. Clenton, A. C. Cox, H. Songer, "J. N. S.," J. E. Bonsey, W. E. Francis, John Hue, A. J. Baldock, and T. W. Colsworth (London and district), J. Haslam (Birkdale), J. McAdam (Southsea), F. F. Jones (Taunton), "K. B. B. F." (Sandgate), F. Osterley (Bourgemouth), Mrs Russell (Worthing), E. R. Valpy (Birkdale), H. E. Knott (Tenbury), J. Streaks (Oxford), G. H. Allan (Curragh Camp), Nellie Morris (Winchelsea), C. F. S. (Salisbury), L. Davidson (Birkdale), T. Upton Joyce (Liverpool), G. J. Churchill (Dorchester), E. L. Rayner (Portsmouth), A. Bell (Watford), W. H. Ward (Stockton-on-Tees), F. W. Shaw (Northampton), J. W. Cole (Worthing), Con Gurteen (Haverhill), H. Darby (Brighton), W. C. L. (Clacton), Percy L. Jennings (Fleet), C. Spray (Nottingham), H. Perrell (Leeds), Capt. Challice (K.W.R., Gt. Yarmouth), and A. Mosterton (Market Harborough).

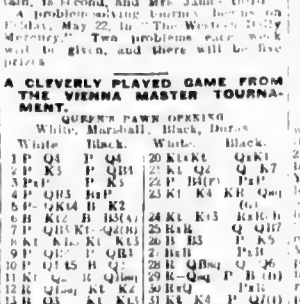
Solution to Problem No. 329, received too late to be acknowledged last week, from H. A. Bicksley.

PROBLEM No. 331.

By G. Heathcote

(Second Prizewinner, American Chess Bulletin Tournament.)

BLACK.—Nine Pieces.



WHITE.—Nine Pieces.

WHITE.—K at KKt6, R at KR, B at QB8, Kts at Q5 and K3, Ps at QB5, A2, KKt3 and KB4.

BLACK.—K at K5, Kt at QB5, Ps at QR4, QB6, QKt3, K2, K4, KKt7, and KR2.

White mates in three moves.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. F. Morris.—Try again. E. H. Gray.—A. B—K2 yields a sufficient defence. Scribe.—You have overlooked that the Rook is pinned by the Black Queen. I. Burt.—Not at present. C. R. Niederheitmann.—Problem No. 328. If 1. Q—K4, KtKt. H. Geach.—Not a problem, but a forced mate. T. Upton Joyce.—(1) No longer published. (2) "British Chess Magazine," Kimwood-lane, Leeds, 3d per month. A. H. Calvert.—Sound, but too simple for publication.

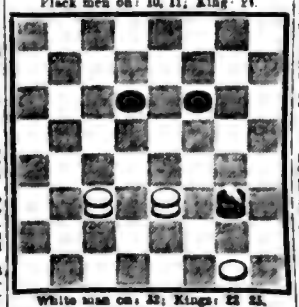
DRAUGHTS.

[By J. M. ROBERTS.]

PROBLEM No. 317.

By D. T. McDonald, Pendleton.

Black men on: 10, 11; King: 24.



White men on: 32; Kings: 22 23.

White to move and win. A very fine end-game.

PROBLEM No. 318.

By A. Payne.

Black men on: 25; Kings: 12, 16, 28, 30

White men on: 24, 23; Kings on: 14, 17, 21.

Black to move and win in seven.

While containing more Majesty than we care to see, this is an excellent problem of the Slocum order, every piece being of use and every move forced. Most ingenious and pleasing.

PROBLEM SOLUTIONS.

No. 315.—By J. C. Ashcroft, Westminster. Black men on: 5, 8, 10, 11, 19, King: 28. White men on: 14, 22, 25, 27, 31, King: 6.

White to move and win.

23 19	5 14	*31 25	8 12	19 15	
15 24	*6 10	28 24	20 16	12 19	
27 20	14 18	10 15	24 20	11 16	
10 14	22 15	18 24	15 11	19 23	
18 9	11 18	25 19	20 24	15 19	
				W. wins	

Solvers will do well to note this problem; the fist b 1 very useful and the position of frequent occurrence.

No. 316. By J. C. Ashcroft, Westminster.

Black men on: 1, 26, 28, King: 31.

White men on: 8, 14, Kings: 12, 25.

White to move and win.

25 27	17 16	14 10	28 32	3 7
31 26	26 22	6 15	4 8	22 19
27 20	16 11	20 24	32 28	7 16
1 6	22 18			W. wins

Re PROBLEM No. 492.

Mr W. R. A. Young, of the Wanderers, writes pointing out that this problem (by Mr Perrysman) is identical with No. 22 in "The Sporting Mirror," published by him some nine years ago. Mr Young's claim to priority with Mr. Perryman is irrefutable, but Mr Perryman acted in the problem in all good faith, and had certainly never previously seen "The Sporting Mirror" column. Such coincidences will occur sometimes, as Mr Young has recently reproduced his problem in a Northern contemporary he is especially desirous of bringing his claim known in order to remove any probability of suspicion being entertained that he had, in this instance, copied Mr Perryman.

Game No. 665 — "DUNDEE."

Black, W. R. A. Young (London Wanderers). White, Mr W. Simeon (North-amptom). Played in the inter league match, London v. Northampton.

12 16	23 14	17 22	5 1	11 15	
A-24 19(2)	8 11	25 14	31 26	24 20	
16 20	18 14	20 24	1 5	15 19	
22 18	10 17	27 20	26 22	20 16	
B-9 14	21 14	11 16	5 9	C-8 15	
18 9	13 17	2 11	22 18	16 11	
5 14	29 25	7 23	21 17	15 8	
(1) 2o 22	4 8	14 9	3 7	9 14	
11 15	14 18	5 14	17 14	12 16	
22 18	8 12	18 9	7 10	14 18	
15 22	25 21	22 26	14 7	23 26	
25 9	1 5	9 5	2 11	30 23	
6 15	26 73	26 31	28 24	19 26	
				B. wins	

A. Balloted opening.

B 11 15 is customary here.

C Isaac anything else would make a better fight, though Black would eventually win.

In the second game Mr. Young varied as follows —

Variation I.

25 22	15 24	26 23	10 17	27 23	
11 15	9 5	4 8	22 6	9 27	
29 25	8 11	23 18	1 10	13 17	
15 24	25 22	8 11	6 1	16 19	
28 19	A-11 15	30 26	2 6	26 23	
7 11	23 18	6 9	1 6	19 26	
22 18	3 8	21 17	10 15	31 27	
11 15	18 11	15 19	18 14	W. win	
18 9	8 15	17 14	6 9		

A. White gets a grip after this which is never relaxed.

Variation 2.

24 20	7 18	2 7	3 10	18 22	
A-11 15	25 14	22 17	26 22	14 18	
29 11	6 9	6 2	C-10 14	22 26	
7 16	26 23	17 13	25 21	10 7	
22 18	9 18	4 8	14 18	26 31	
15 22	23 14	31 26	22 17	27 23	
25 18	16 19	8 12	6 10	19 26	
8 11	29 25	30 23	17 14	32 27	
B-18 14	11 15	7 10	10 17	31 24	
10 17	25 22	14 7	21 14	28 10	
21 14				Drawn	

Played in the recent match for the Kilburn Club championship, F. C. Beigel handling the Blacks.

A Not to be recommended to the novice, but a safe and interesting line positionally handled.

B 29-25 best; this break up throws away much of White's advantage.

C 5-9 loses by 23-24, 9-14, 27-24, etc.

R. ATWELL v. ALL-COMERS.

On Tuesday next at 123, Newgate-st, Mr R. Atwell will meet all-comers simultaneously, giving prizes for wins and draws scored against him. These exhibitions form an excellent opportunity for players of all grades to test their skill, and the opportunity should not be missed.

CRITICISM.

Mr. A. S. Bartlett, of North London D.C., writes: "The following position has been diagrammed in the Northern Press as the 1st brilliancy of the English Tourney, but I think a move has been overlooked. Black (Hyed): 5, 15, 14, 28. Kings: No. 31. White (Scott): 7, 31, 32. King: 24. White to play and the combination given being 7-9, 14-18, 32-27, 5-14, 27-25, 20-19, 24-22 drawn, but instead of 20-19 try 18-27."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mr. R. A. Crabbe has already received a challenge for the Kent Championship from Mr. W. G. Goodman of Tunbridge Wells. Accommodations are invited. The papers' Unit" handicaps, hitherto held at 123, Newgate-st, on the 1st Saturday in each month, will in future be held on the first Tuesday in the month at the same venue, play commencing at 7 p.m.

Mr. F. Kaiser recently gave an excellent simultaneous exhibition at the Whitehall Institute, Tottenham (twenty-four playing 20 games, of which he won 15 and drew 5, losing not a single game).

The tourney for the Championship of Toolem here will commence on the 27th inst. Intending competitors should put in an appearance at High Cross Institute at noon. To be held, not in G. C. of Greenwood, 24, Mainfield-rd, Tottenham.

"Chatter" for May is a first-class number, containing much of interest for all players. It can be obtained from 29, New Bridge-st., Lud, post free.

"The Draughts World" contains a full account of the English Championship Tourney, the usual supply of excellent games and problems, and many other features of interest. Can be obtained from 6, Paternoster-chambers, E.C., 3½d. post free.

The annual meeting and presentation of prizes in connection with the Printing Trades Draughts and Chess League was recently held. The head-and medals gained by La Rue in the Draughts section and Wheelhead in the Chess Section were presented by the chairman, Mr. Orr. The competition for these trophies has been very keen and the matches much enjoyed. The match score: Messrs. Mason, G. U. Uber and F. J. Stowe, presented an excellent report, showing a balance in hand, and proposals for the next season are very briskly indeed.

In the Sussex League Brighton defeated Worthing by 9 to 0 with 5 draws.

We are very pleased to note the success of Hallam in the Second Division of the Yorkshire League. This team has been on the point more than the Senior Club's Championship six times in succession, but a few years back met with many misfortunes and adversity. Mr. Beckenham is to be congratulated on sticking to the oars through thick and thin, and it must be very gratifying to him that the club has come into its own again and will most likely be found in the Senior Division next season.

The copyright of the English Championship Tourney has been secured by Mr. J. A. Kear of Bristol, which is a guarantee that they will be expeditiously and neatly produced in book form.

Already the venue of the English Championship Tourney for 1909 is being mentioned. To our mind, however, a special effort should be made to have a match between the pick of Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland. If a Championship Tourney can be run as well, by all means let us have it, but our chief effort should be directed towards the International, which is overdue.

The West End Club are meeting at 123, Newgate-st (Dyman's) on Thursdays throughout the summer, and are running a summer handicap.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. Perryman (West End).—Many thanks for problems, which we will examine and report on. F. A. Crabbe.—Much regretted for games, many thanks. H. George (Cardiff).—Thanks for very neat problem which we have filed for insertion. J. S. Peckham.—Solution to No. 311 will have to be deferred too, thanks for card. J. Dean.—Mostly of regular pieces of other elements, how are thoroughly conversant. A. G. Greenswood.—Many thanks for problem, which you all success with. R. Lodewaski.—Many thanks for problem as you thought eh? W. R. A. Young.—Have noted as requested, much indebted for games. Mr Alberoni.—Book forwarded to Lancaster address. Dyman's, 123, Newgate-st, is the place where most London players congregate. A. Worthouse.—Four or six moves are usual problems. Mr McWhinnie.—In most games there is no necessity for you to do so. Glad you are still keeping London's flag flying. Mr. Thornhead.—Thanks. Draughts Player.—Rs. 6d.; Dunne's Problems, 5s. 6d. post free; we can supply Book forwarded A. H. N. (Hales Thanks for problem which is rather obvious: the setting of problems too should always be governed by circumstances of actual play. In that case Black might have had the choice of two lots one of which he took it. W. U. Dew.—Many thanks; matter for insertion in current issue; must reach us by Monday; congratulations on the two ones which has attended your labours for Printing Trades League. W. Hardie (Millwall).—Solutions quite correct. F. Bamford.—Very good for first attempt, but a little obvious. A. Employer (Mr. Foster).—Thanks for column, problem sent in by E. G. Bagley, was first published by us in Sheffield Sunday Telegraph" a few years back and appeared in "The People" as recently as Feb. 4th. In justice to Mr. Bagley please note this in your columns. F. Chandler.—Many thanks for games. What a sad price. It would such successors do the game good. W. G. Cochrane.—Will see your challenge reaches Mr. Crabbe, who will have selections sent you for approval. A. Channell.—(Blackpool) Yorkshire.—Many thanks for problem which we have filed for insertion. Pleased to hear from you.

PUZZLES.

[By C. P. BASELEY.]

"I was resolved to travel with his sole the land of Passalous." Richardson.

PRIZES.

For the best list of solutions to the week's Puzzles we will send a Copy of

"ABBOTT'S LIFE OF NAPOLEON BONAPARTE."

For the second best list of answers we will send a Copy of

THE WORLD LIBRARY.

"Palgrave's History of the Anglo-Saxons."

For the third best list of answers we will send a Copy of

"FIELDS OF FAIR RENOWN."

By Joseph Hocking.

No. 1,149.—THE POT-POURRI PUZZLE.

PROLOGUE.

Welcome! Merry month of May—
Now our summer sports begin
Those who wish our games to play
Send for one, no postage'll herein

—Mrs. Lyons.

I treat a wide variety first and rank,
Touch it not, for it defiles,
Yet at squaring it we prank,
Choosing war is of various styles—
Other I or we as is most fair,
One describes a MANNER COLD,
WEARS next, then WELL-DEFINED,
Lastly RYLE MANIFOLD.

2 Now comes forth a bird of night,
Not so difficult to square,
Drink will make the matter right,
If administered with care.
Offer beverages two,
Sparkling cold and steaming hot,
Place them 'neath the bird, and you
Will hatch out this little plot.

3—Still we search, till we arrive
'Mid a gay and whirling throng—
When to square this scene we strive,
Three more words thereto belong
For the one in second place
Length and breadth are multiplied.
"Never right" quite shows its face,
"Never reply" at its side.

EPILOGUE DIAMOND

Let us then begin our game
With a gem that naught can stem,
As we play we see its name
Crystallise into a gem
To achieve this final feat
We must use four words to pad,
And for these we think it meet
Sketchy synonyms to add.
One a period of time,
Next a means of prolongation,
Join most useful when we climb,
Finish with acceleration.

—ORKUM, Andover.

No. 1,150.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

FOUNDATION WORDS

Hail to my FIRST, so modest, bright, and sweet,
Fit token that my SECOND soon our hearts shall greet
CLOSE WORDS

1.—Men gazed at eve on its vine-clad side,
Nor dreamt what it concealed
O terrible sight at morning tide
Was the deadly power revealed

2 ——— I creep (——— of earth or sea)
I ——— I here, or I ——— I there
Am I foul, or am I fair?
Or in very truth, am I anywhere?

3.—The dead leaves in this lonely land I dwell
And even in this lonely land I dwell

4.—He stood ——— at the bridge,
The ——— of ———
And men called him ——— and called
conjoral"
For what he did that day

5.—Once on a time, in a good old town
A fine trapper he got to shine,
He galloped up and he galloped down
But he got an dinner and lost his wine

6.—Oh! 'Tis a painful thing, I wis,
To be in the midst of a noisy this
—MITTIMUS, Plymouth

No. 1,151.—TRANSPOSITION.

The FIRST I'm sure by most are reckoned,
Stands so very high.
They are enough to make you SECOND,
When the sun on them you spy
To rich folk they come not so hard,
For money they have plenty,
But poor folk cannot them discard
As rich folk do so quickly.
Now when those sheets of paper come,
They come sans books from all,
And no doubt they cause THEM from some,
So we hope for them to fall

—Nid, London.

ANSWERS.

No. 1,146.—Boat Race, thus:—

B E A R
O M E G A
A B C
T H O L E

No. 1,147.—Steak, skate, lakes, Blake Keith.

No. 1,148.—Sparable, parable, arable rable, able, Elba Abel, Bale, Bal, alb, Ba'

Names and addresses of prizewinners together with a complete list of solvers perfect and otherwise, will appear next week.

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[Notes on the Week's Racing with Jottings and Analysis of important pending races appear in full, together with selections for each day in our Friday and Saturday Editions. The whole is condensed into the briefest possible space in our Sunday issue, when mainly deals with Saturday's Racing and Selections for the early part of the ensuing week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a Newsagent, or at the Railway Bookstalls.]

THE EARLY WEEK.

In important period which included the Chester Cup and Jubilee Stakes was ushered in with Wye's little jumping meeting. The surprise, indicative of the times, came in the almost incredible fact that not a quotation was reported upon the pending big handicaps—on the Lancastrian event a generation back betting was waged months ahead. Now the Derby and Chester Cup is a mere post wagering affair, Chester began modestly. But this sport is being relieved by the competition of such a class horse as Gallinule in the Vase. The fields generally are good but results unexpected, and that as a rule to the luck of the draw. Chester is historical and becoming famous as a racing centre, for the Cup gathering was a record one in every sense. The King, as one of the Eaton House party, was present and it every bit like the old-fashioned meeting—once so near extinction—achieved a remarkable success, despite the inclement weather. The minor events have throughout the week meeting, and, in fact, the last two or three weeks' racing, gone seriously against backers, and the utter defeat of the St. Marina filly, who had done so well at Newmarket, was staggering to her connections. So was that of Impulsive to Hallick, but the little mare is evidently not quite what they think for. The start for the Cup was a poor one, and its issue astounding. Both the first and second carried stone penalties, and the reversal of the Epsom form utterly unaccountable. The first three finished in absolutely inverse order to that at Epsom upon exactly similar going over a like distance and upon a very similar course. If there were two horses in the field which Asticot had the beating of they were Glacis and Wise Hen, both of whom he had finished well in front of, not by a narrow margin but by many lengths as Epsom, and both of whom he was now meeting upon several pounds BETTER terms. Even a week ago, when I got 12's and 3's, I could foresee Asticot's eventual favouritism, for on form and "on paper," he had every bit 16 or 17 pounds in hand of Glacis and about a stone the best of the weights with Wise Reason, to whom moreover, as a big, far striding animal, the tortuous course could not be favourable. As Lord Derby's horse won in a canter it is obvious that he should have gained the Great Metropolitan—poor consolation to us who supported him in doubles with Dean Swift or took as little as 5's for the Epsom Handicap.

The presence of the King, the now usual summer (?) weather, and good sport were associated with the conclusion, and to prove there is still a little money in sport, takings during the three days have reached nearly £14,000. Click Clack—by the Hinman, who invariably won here—is either than believed, for again the three-year old picked up a 20-sov handicap. In the Dee Stakes Morena's complete defeat lessens the value of the Guineas' form. With their owners having local associations, the respective successes of Abbot's Abode and Billy the Verger would be particularly appreciated. The success of the last named was clearly foreshadowed by the Hurst Park form, and yet when I got back last Saturday it was too late to alter my previous choice of Salford, which was ready in type. Thus do many unknowns ring the changes in a man's hand. John Porter, the trainer who has scored so many successes for the House of Westminster now race for himself with the popularly backed Boodle's Baby.

KEMPTON.

In all senses plenty of people had anticipated the name of the "Dee" as Chester—coming thence to the Thames as an option to meet equally watery surroundings and very similar financial, unprofitable results. We cannot depend upon a decent day even in the middle of June, our seasons are truly changing! Racing, unnecessary to say, was cold, but who would come out such weather, with the certainty of a soaking, unless they either had to, or were more than dead keen? Mr Edgar Cohen never does with the same luck racing as he does in commercialism, but the pretty yellow-hooped jacket was very often expected in the Fulwell Plate. Skylight never really looked like winning. Apparition scarcely acted her part until well in the straight and then her light jacket on the rails—Carlo—won it from Kilbeg, so that Langlands shared in the surplus. I didn't get the auction fees himself this time. Undoubtedly, Willis Hurst, who was up as poloson to as Hurst, where we must have been frightened by the announcement of her being on the card for sale. The victory of Carlowitz (a 7) was just a little reparation for Messrs. W. Rankin and Peebles for Desert's Pride's "City" defeat. It is rare that horses like Carlowitz, named after a trade or commodity, are much good. But a trainer—utterly unaccountable to the executive—that horses on five furlong course MUST be on the rails to win! In a perfect troop for the Sunbury Plate—in which plenty of "s" were offered—the extraordinary advantage of the big numbers for sprints was again accentuated, for Vite (their Vibes, and a good name for a horse), drawn well, had always won despite her tail swishing. This—and long price—naturally evoked lamentation—if nothing worse—from those who gambled upon her as favourite only Saturday at Hurst, when she was at the post. This again, mercilessly unprecedentedly, brought home to poor two facts—(1) That racing is all chance and (2) that it is these happy-go-lucky whereby bookmakers live. Sorry—for whom there was a great rush—truly small for this course, and, as was later on, another liberal poor, Cyrus, was outclidden by the bigger Jack. Otherwise, on actual form any answer one could give to the frequent query, "What can beat Alitora?" was "The going and the course." Again by a poor backer felt savage after Diamond had scored what was unquestionably a popular victory in the Stewards' Handicap, for at Epsom she is quite the "goods" when very badly by under the gate. True, that was by selling form, but Gold Sand, who beat her, is a good horse at Epsom, and had 50 yards start of her. This event is in every sense a success, bar speculatively to most of us, but the winner's race was confident and straightforward enough to "Up" his mare in typo. Tetrol won so easily that only Damage put seriously after her. The much-talked of Irish colt, St. Michan, was always an easing favourite, the original more mainly being created through the overtowering influence of a "Irishman"—Carlisle. In Kempton my own interests I must make one complaint—which is not in request at all meetings—as regards the delay in posting the numbers on the frame board. It is not the fault of the Press, who are experts and smart, but due to the primitive methods still in vogue, but which must surely before long give way to up-to-date mechanical workings. Enough having two new name boards to write for Donoghue for No 9, the favourite, and for Pike for No 13—Sunguage—the whole board was kept waiting until EVERYTHING had gone to post—even Woolley, whose trainer's orders were, as usual, simply to trot very slowly down. In consequence betting was much impeded, and it is not infrequently the case that the draw is not general knowledge until the horses are actually at the post. The electric number board is splendid, and an expeditiously worked here that I am sure some similar further modification will before long be in vogue, after the style of the Longchamps number frames. Clements, who rode the winner, is a South African jockey, who came over here last autumn, and, although a man of 28, can ride 6st. And that good judge, Willie Nightingall, vows that he is a jockey too! Clements, in fact, has ridden the winner of the Johannesburg Handicap—that of Jubilee Stakes—four times.

We all ought to kick ourselves for allowing Father Blind to run loose—much less back anything else. Yet the Metropolitan form was at Chester turned topsy-turvy, that, in common with some of the cleverest—as the market showed—I really believed that Hill Climber would, on THIS flat and shortened course, beat his Epsom conqueror, who has always run horribly at Kempton. In consequence, he was always sliding out a bit in price—fancy 4's, what was on the handicap, an even money chance—while all the "outs" under after Hill Climber, who was never out of the ruck in a very fast run race. The little chaser, Master-at-Arms, gave everybody a fright by going into a 50 yards' lead, but Father Blind was always after him, and had won it easily at the straight. Madden then eased him so that being deficient in speed Marlow and Angouleme were "getting at him" in the last 50 yards. Hunt, the winner's trainer, wired again to hoist the flag over The "Splatts" at Heddington, while Mr L. B. Beauchamp might well ask me "Was he a dear horse?" and be pleasurably impressed with the advantage of conditions whereby the winner of an important £1,000 handicap like the Metropolitan could carry 10st 7lb, whereas a 40 quid selling hurdle win would mean 7lb. or 10lb. as a rule. The Maiden Plate gave very belated reparation to Mr J. D. Cohn, whose father Dangerous (quite named, as her dam is Melinite) just stayed home as expected. The luck of the young Bourne's gentleman has been so horrible for a year or two that he might well write me only this week that even he was getting a little bit sick of it. Now may the colours keep on popping up.

LATEST.

The Jubilee Stakes deserved to escape from what seems inevitable of late, the marring by ill weather of all important society and sporting functions. Yesterday's big race fell off decidedly in the interest usually attached to it. The field was small, and the class much below the average, and, as a significant sign of the times, practically not a wager had been made upon it, so that, like its companion event, the Chester Cup, the Jubilee has become a post betting race. In regard to this it was jocularly said in the absence of gaiety long ago to the fact that the bookmakers had no positive "st-ff 'uns" to lay.

It is not uncommon for Jubilee days, under sunny skies, to attract 30,000 or 40,000 people, but although there was quite a great crowd present yesterday afternoon, no such huge figures were reached. The regular card was strong enough to support any big handicap, for on these special occasions troops of runners are in a sense almost a disadvantage.

The surroundings of the park were in their full spring glory, everything being bright and green, but the whole scene lacked that great essential—sunshine. The ground, consequently, just a little holding, which favoured those animals who are partial to soft going, and naturally hampered top-weights. Before racing began there was a sort of market upon the Jubilee Stakes, created mainly in the centre of the crowded Tattersall's ring, where "the little men," or rather men, whose clients mainly beat to small moneys, but who nevertheless unquestionably make the market. The topical tip was naturally All Black, whose victory, the wags declared, was as easy to prove as A B C. The girls will appreciate this. The Members lawn showed a very distinct contrast to its deserted appearance of Friday, but the ladies' enclosure was naturally not as brilliant as usual, inasmuch as it has become a maxim that we are to lok foor May showers rather than May flowers.

The international element was again added to the leading handicap, for Prosper is a French bred, Dalkeith, the final tip and third last year, hails from Australia; and, of course, Ireland was prominently represented. A word of praise is due to the London and South-Western Railway for their expeditious service, for the very numerous specials left sharp to time, although crowded, and I made the non-stop journey delightfully, while en route we studied the programme and the "Bouton Rouge" form card and—in theory—had picked out all the winners.

Just as the runners were at the post for the opening race his Majesty, quite unexpectedly, as far as the public were concerned, arrived, but the red carpet upon the Royal, Portsea Steward's stand, hinted to the observant that our gracious sportsman had decided to witness the race for the Jubilee Stakes.

For seven and a half furlongs of the mile of the Shepperton Handicap Barker had apparently won it, until the great tip, the just acquired and manifold, the telegraphic address of a leading West-End speculator, tackled and beat him. Then Madden dropped his hands, while Florestan in turn caught the favourite.

THE PADDOCK.

There was, of course, a big crowd here. The golden chestnut Malua was well, and is always a very stylish horse. A far-striding animal, he prefers a straight course, and is never ready quite so early. The pony-like bay Var was outclassed, and the sturdy bay Stick Up sweated enough to show that he is not yet quite fit. The upstanding black-brown Weathercock, whom I did not like, is long in the back, and wore a hood and blinders, and can hardly be a boy's ride. His white face and four white stockings, make him conspicuous. The big barrelled, somewhat "coachy" chestnut, Larig, seemed too heavy and slow for this speedy course.

All Black is a handsome horse, although having been hogged makes him seemingly a little mean in front. Brewer, his trainer, looked after his saddling, and was sensible enough to have his feet "picked" out. The four-year-old looked in grand trim, and his easing in the market was merely due to the furore for Procope and the good money for Hayden. The latter is a stylish, blood-pointed bay and a very strong little horse. He was sweating, but had had his rugs on until mounted by Piper, who was the first jockey to get up. Menu, is a plain mare and, like most of the field, on the small side. The white-faced chestnut Procope, is a nice horse. "How would you like this one as a hunter," said Randall, as the big boned chestnut went out of the paddock.

The rugs paraded in the order of the card. Prince Christian carefully followed, and remarked upon all the runners, incidentally liking Hayden, whom he mistook for Var. Lord Stanley, who remarked that he feared it must be bolding going, also stood out on the course to watch the preliminaries. Nothing approached the dead heat of Procope in appearance, while Malua and Hayden went down like winners.

It panned out into an average Jubilee—for the sun came out quite late, as if regretfully and there was the usual crush, bustle, and excitement. And there is only one Jubilee day, one Kempton, and one Walter Hyde. We were reminded that it had been a Wootton week when the senior of the two nippers now riding won on Florestan. Ardee—like so very many more horses—only "runs" on the Epsom course. Big days always mean "plumped" prices and fairs odds for you can't possibly get about to find what the real odds are—and our friends the enemy know this, as also that you must take what they offer or they'll be "off" before you can get on. Bobolink, like Vite is underrated and keeps on winning—or would—if the big men offered 6 to 4 over the rails to "the little swells," the little men only shouted "Evens—evens"—and laid nothing else but the winner. Once Bobolink, who won anyhow finally, didn't seem well placed, so Charlie Hibbert from his high perch on the stand steps shouted 3 ponies the favourite and was promptly "shown" by young Howett. "You've used the wrong glasses this time, was how they afterwards, outside the subsidised fielder-sportsman owner (N.B., this is no ad.), and as he had laid the bet to a good man he didn't mind. Bobolink was the only actual favourite to win all the afternoon, so what always ought to go well for all backers on these special days — worked out the reverse. If one can take it easy, stroll about and, of course back winners, racing is a grand game, but these crush days are abhorred by we Pressmen, for having to hurry one can't get about quick enough or see all we ought to see. A prominent trainer jocularly said, "Never mind these sort of days and the sunshine, give me a wet day and the paddock myself. I believe if he had got himself one of the big winners he would have spoken in verse, for only those who have work to do—even to find and saddle horses — realise what these throngs mean in delay and annoyance. The River Handicap was truly open — Sheelah being the goods, but nothing looked or moved better than Particoloar, who ran up in this race last year. He runs like Butterwing will win a nice sprint on an "easy" course. Double A was backed heavily up, but St. Peter went out so strongly that the three-year-old was "clicked," whilst he himself was dying out so that Dillon—who had to nurse his mount, just tired him on Marcobrunner. Both finished in a bunch, and Ethel Solicitor. What a brisk finish the Trial Handicap provided, and "What can beat Summer!" was naturally answered negatively—for it did seem that this once well known season in Great Britain had come at last. But poor Mr. Nelke can't win races, and in a sort of sort of start many had no chance. Instanter. Crusader was again a sufferer, as he was last Saturday at Hurst Park when left 50 yards, and then finishing fourth—on top of them. His—and his good owner's—day must come. The "up all day long" was the unknown Mayfly, who similarly was never in it, whilst three of the light-weights made it a tremendous finish—Fruitful looking all over a winner, and then Oreb "came," little Duller riding a brilliant, dashing race by cheekily going through between them The move deserved to succeed, but Wild Despair "got," and literally expressed the plight of most backers.

THE GREAT JUBILEE.

For my thousands of little reader punters' sake I am downright glad to have been lucky—for once—in my "pick" —and as usual and as in the Lincoln, when things come one's way, they do so with two hands—a freak of luck both ways and we usually experience it the wrong side; no doing right. I have always had one opinion anent the Jubilee—that whatever beat Hayden would win it; pity the double with Asticot couldn't quite come off! My followers know that anything good enough for me to tip is good enough for me to back, and like all backers wanting to win a lot for a little I did follow my own double—Asticot with Hayden and All Black—getting 1,500 to 5 the win and 80 to 5 the place double. Until within an hour of the race Hayden was the one mentioned—10's is a good winning price even for a big race, but yesterday morning 20's were on offer everywhere. In fact I rather bit myself over this in an amusing incident. Last Saturday night a popular Beaufort Club man popped into The People" office to see me, and jocularly asked what I was giving and why I never had a bet with him. So I promptly had a fiver each way every one of my own selections—which were then in type ALL the week. As there was no market on the Jubilee I was to be on at the first betting quoted, and yesterday morning got the voucher 4's and evens All Black, 20's and 5's Hayden. As the former was not a fair price I refused the lot over the 'phone, and had it s.p. It was hardly a race, for after very brief delay they came a bat, Weathercock leading, but Hayden had always "clicked" once in the straight. On looks plenty were put off, for he was a sweating badly, and isn't very prepossessing. But he is a nice, sturdy little chap, and Perrse had just had the two or three weeks needed when the sturdy colt ran right up fourth in the City. It was from that race—as with Ambition two years ago—that I "got" Hayden—he was now better in fitter, and, as I stated, was bound to give us a real good run. And the danger—on New-bury form—was All Black—an unlucky sort. And this was especially unlucky for Brewer, as he had begged Mr. W Clark to buy Hayden when put up last autumn. Mr. A. F. Basset was present and twas a popular win, the credit being due to Perrse for his care of and vast improvement in the horse. What if—as last year with Orby—Hayden is the schoolmaster to another Derby Winner per Piper and Wootton thus reversed the Chester pairings, and for once the luck was with me when plumping for the right one, and making the second my saving clause.

Newmarket's second spring meeting, little public interest, and few bets. The presence of Maroxo to be sold for £200 in the Trial Stakes suggests something wrong. If himself and the former we must win it, but assuming his absence, I shall go for BROTHER BILL, although seven furlongs is full far enough for him. There is a good race in Cargill, but in the Newmarket Handicap the hot favourite will, of course, be our good friend Hayden, whom we ought not to desert. But easily as he won yesterday, 12lb. is a big difference, and on this straight course I doubt his giving the weight to

HANOVER SQUARE,

who must be backed EACH WAY. The next day The Welkin appears, apparently heavily weighted in the Flying Handicap, but is unlikely to run—if he does, anything that can hold him will win it. We are getting near the end of the four furlong races, so that KNAVE OF HEARTS will have to be quick and grasp his chance in the Maiden Plate. The real certainty, of course at cramped odds, is BARNGATE in The Plate, while

VAMOSE

should beat the rest in the Newmarket Stakes. On far-off Thursday my only tip must be

ZANCIO

each way in the Three-year-old Handicap, in which "no" weight and good jockeyship will about get him home at LAST.

SPORT JOTTINGS.

The Chester Corporation, who own the racecourse, receive one-eighth of the gross takings for its use.

Two generations back they had four-mile heats for horse races, while we now have four-furlong scrambles.

Over here Ypsilanti has been the prince of two jubilees. In Austria Prince Ypsilanti is the leading owner and steward.

My opinion is that the extra weight which a horse should carry in consequence of a victory after the weights have been allotted should be according to the value of the win and its character. Trainers are justifiably asking how they could get horses fit in such weather as we have had this spring, and as a fact not one in six among their strings is really "ready."

Rendale has met with a slight accident in the stable since last season, and now only has one eye. She is nevertheless very smart under the spur, and it is no deterrent to her galloping ability.

No long-distance races are easier to win than the Great Metropolitan and the Chester Cup. The former I have once failed with, a literal fine finishing one, Fatherless, who, moreover, only stood 14.5.

I hope that Mr James Buchanan will have better luck with Hillsprite and Acelaim than he did when buying Hands Down and other crocks at big prices two or three years ago—or importing Noctuiform.

How appropriate it would be for the King to win the Derby, which, for the first time for a great many years is run for on His Majesty's birthday. But I regretfully doubt the consummation of everybody's earnest hopes.

Few owners can boast of such a successful steeplechase season as has attended Mr. C. Noel Newton's sporting efforts with his three horses—Donpatrick, Irish Poplin, and Cravat—who between them have scored 17 times, being ridden on 14 occasions by their owner. There are numerous important Lables sheltering 30 or 40 horses which have not raised a flag so often.

Racegoers at Kempton did appreciate yet another innovation as evidence of the sporting needs of the times in the starting publication of a "Bouton Rouge" form card, giving in explicit detail the recent form of the horses in all the races. It is intended to follow out this admirable plan at all the principal race meetings. The text of the matter is inset in an elaborate cover.

We are continually having justified complaints from bookmakers, when the number of a horse is removed prior to a race so that all bets made about him become void, and they are left what is slangily termed "in the cart." They did, however, have one similar turn in their favour at Epsom which has not been even mentioned. I refer to the non-hoisting of Hill Climber's numb r for quite ten minutes prior to the Great Metropolitan Stakes, so that they were betting very cramped odds about the favourite (Jacis and other horses under the idea that Hill Climber did not compete. Yet when Mr. Paul Nelke's little horse was almost without notice added as a runner the betting had practically ended while he himself became second favourite for money, thus surely, making all fielders over round, especially having regard to the result.

However much the faddists are crying out against gambling, and however much many are hypocrites enough to pretend that they look upon it with horror, there is no denying the certainty that three out of four people—men or women, wager more or less nowadays, and that every one of them would do so if they thought they were certain to win. It is the fact of its being 6 to 4 against their making anything by speculation in the long run that keeps the majority aloof and causes them to pretend to be horribly shocked because others continue to do what they would jump at doing themselves if the chances were 6 to 4 in their own favour.

Had the facts been known, Impression's victory at Sandown Park would have been even more popular than was the case, and uproariously received, for there can be no question but that the little horse ought to have won at Alexandra Park, and, moreover, would have got the race on objection. But the owner and trainer were sportsmen enough not to object, although I hear that those who would have had to consider the objection were practically anticipating the protest concerning which the ring would have been prepared to bet long odds on the second. Impression, getting the race, even if there could have been any betting upon the objection subsidge, who trains Impression, has experienced exceedingly bad luck with the little horse, and even in the other few in his care for the past two seasons. He has just moved into more extensive premises than the famous primitive old stables at The Warren, Chichester, and could do with as much as he deserves—a few more horses.

Kent's championship season induced an influx of some 600 members to the county club.

Hailsham have a great bowler in Blaber, who is, nevertheless, not a talker, but a doer.

A long programme will be arranged for the holiday trotting meeting at Imber Court Park on Whit Monday.

The entrance fee to the New York Athletic Club is £20. That of the London Athletic Club nothing, with only a two-guinea subscription.

The Highgate Harriers are holding a big athletic meeting at the Stadium next Saturday, this being the first independent fixture they have decided for many years, the step being taken so as to maintain their well-earned prestige in the athletic world.

That well known boniface, Charlie Pratt, is leaving the Rodney, where he has so long been host, and some of his numerous friends have decided to give him a benefit at the Canterbury Music Hall on June 4. Joe Elvin and E Emery are treasurers. The hon secs. are Messrs. W. Crook and J. Aarons. The Canterbury Music Hall will find them.

Many will be glad to learn that rinking is to be popularised again in Great Britain, and the American Roller Rink Co are just opening skating rinks in Belfast, Edinburgh, Sunderland, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Leicester, Cardiff, Bristol, and London. It will not take very much to revive the general interest of 20 years ago in the pastime.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

KEMPTON PARK MEETING.

SHEPPERTON SELLING HANDICAP PLATE.

Mr. Wootton's Florestan, 4 7 12 ..... F. Wootton 1
Mr. Burton's Brooklet, 3 7 2 ..... Broadwood 2
Mr. Cannon's Ardea, 4 8 11 ..... C. Cannon 3
Winner trained by Wootton.

Also ran: Morea (H. Randall), Skylight (W. Higgs), Baker (O. Madden), Dorrie (Hobbs), Mrs. Girdle (Walter Griggs), Stibbington (Sadgrove), Lesterland (Piper), Titan (Clements), Lady Lincoln (J. Plant), Memphian (Bonner). Betting 3 to 1 agst Brooklet, 6 to 1 agst Barker, 7 to 1 agst Titan, 8 to 1 each agst Ardea and Skylight, 10 to 1 each agst Lesterland and Florestan, 100 to 8 agst Morea, and 100 to 7 agst any other. Won by a neck; 4 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

KEMPTON PARK MAY AUCTION PLATE.

Mr. Prentice's Bobolink, 7 7 ..... Redgrove 1
Mr. Hallick's Niphe, 7 4 7 ..... Templeman 2
Mr. Wakie's Jeff, 7 7 ..... Piper 3
Winner trained by W. Nightingall.

Also ran: Squint II, Silly (Trigg), Milly (East), Bell H. (Broadwood), Bread Maid colt (James), Enamel (Bonner), Cognac (Howard), Toy Shop (Every). Betting 6 to 4 agst Bobolink, 7 to 1 each agst Bell H., Milly, and Squint II. Silly, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won easily by 2 lengths, neck 2nd and 3rd.

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Mr. Basset's Hayden, 4 8 12 ..... E. Piper 1
Mr. Clark's All Black, 4 7 12 F. Wootton 2
Mr. Faber's Malua, 5 8 5 ..... B. Dillon 3
Winner trained by Barnes.

Also ran: Procope (H. Randall), Dalkeith (O. Madden), Menu (Walter Griggs), Stick Up (W. Broadwood), Weathercock (H. Pike), Lischana (C. Trigg), Larig (C. Escott), Var (J. Plant), Bromus (S. Keeble). Betting 4 to 1 agst Malua, 5 to 1 each agst Procope and All Black, 7 to 1 agst Dalkeith, 8 to 1 agst Weathercock, 10 to 1 agst Hayden, 100 to 7 agst Menu, 20 to 1 agst Stick Up, 25 to 1 agst Lischana, and 33 to 1 each agst Var, Bromus, and Larig. Dalkeith was left

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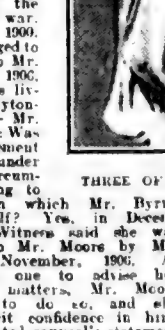
MRS. THOMSON. MRS CHECKETTS.

widow, of St. Margaret's-on-Thames, and defendants were Mr. Challis Moores and Mr. Wm. Smith. Plaintiff's claim was for the return of certain furniture, china, and household effects which were her property, and were stored on her account by defendant, Mr. Challis Moores, in January, 1907, in his name, at Taylor's Furniture Repository, Twickenham. The defendant, Mr. Wm. Smith, claimed to be entitled to that furniture. Mr. Challis Moors had entered no defence to these proceedings, and judgment had gone against him for the return of the furniture or its value, £500. Messrs. Taylor and Sons, who kept the furniture repository, were made parties to the action originally, because there were proceedings by way of an injunction. They had given an undertaking, however, not to part with the furniture until the trial of the action. The only defendant now before the jury was Mr. Wm. Smith. — Mrs. Edith Mary Thomson, the plaintiff, said she was a widow, and resided at Napoleon-rd., St. Margaret's-on-Thames. Her late husband had been an officer in the Connaught Rangers. He obtained his commission during the South African war. He died in 1900. She was engaged to be married to Mr. Byrne in 1906, when she was living at Draytongardens. — Mr. Stuart Bevan: Was that engagement broken off under distressing circumstances, owing to difficulties in which Mr. Byrne and himself? Yes, in December, 1906. Witness said she was introduced to Mr. Moore by Mr. Byrne in November, 1906. As she had no one to advise her business matters, Mr. Moore undertook to do so, and she placed implicit confidence in him, as corroborated counsel's statement as to the arrangements made in regard to the furniture and the conditions under which she was induced to give the power of attorney. Her debts at the time amounted to £60 or £70. Mr. Moore told her she must trust him, as he was working for her benefit, and she believed him. When she heard money was to be advanced on the furniture, she wired to Mr. Moors, "On no account must money be advanced on my furniture." In reply she received was: "Cheer up. Don't believe anything you hear. Trust me."—Mr. Macoun (cross-examining): I suppose you are able to appreciate the character of Mr. Challis Moors? Now I am. (Laughter.)

Neither Trusted Nor Mistrusted.

Mr. Macoun, for the defence, said that his client, Mr. Smith, had acted in a bona fide manner, having been told that Moore had a power of attorney from Mrs. Thomson. — Mr. Wm. Smith, Kyntonrd., Sheffield, said he was a warehouseman, and carried on a business at Tottenham. He advanced £100 on the furniture, which Mr. Moore said was his property, under a power of attorney.—Mr. Moors said Mrs. Thomson was in Nice and he would wire to her. The next day he showed witness the power of attorney.—His lordship asked witness if he believed he could come by post the next day from Nice?—Witness said he did not know where Nice was. He knew letters came the next day from Amsterdam. (Laughter.)—Cross-examined: Did you consider Mr. Moore was an honest man? Yes. I bought the furniture and thought I was well covered.—Did you trust or mistrust him? Well, I did not trust him and I did not mistrust him. (Laughter.)—Witness said it was a conversation he had with a solicitor's clerk that caused him to become suspicious and go to Mrs. Checketts.—The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff, and his lordship gave judgment against both Moors and Smith, the latter to return the goods or their value, £500.



MR. WM. SMITH

A new submarine was successfully launched at Barrow.

ROTTEN ROW SCENE

LADY IN A DIRECTOIRE COSTUME.

A beautiful equestrienne, attired in the costume of the days of the Directoire, which created such a furore in Paris, caused quite a sensation when she appeared amongst the large crowd of riders in Rotten Row yesterday morning. The crowd's dimensions were increased beyond the normal by reason of the bountiful weather. The sensation of the lady's appearance was enhanced by the fact that, although she was the cynosure of all eyes, she maintained her anonymity throughout. The daring and boldness of the move was such that even the park officials were amazed, and were in a quandary as to whether it was a matter coming within their jurisdiction. However, the whole progress through the West-End and in the park passed off without interference from the police. The lady who thus had the honour of being the first to appear in Rotten Row in the costume of "Les Merveilleuses" was Mdlle. Titcombe, a daring equestrienne now appearing at the London Hippodrome.

Costume Described.

The lady emerged from the stage-door just after eleven o'clock, and taking the back streets to Piccadilly Circus, evaded an inspector of police and a number of constables in Cranbourne-st., who evidently expected that the robe would be such that the appearance of any lady wearing it would not be permitted in the fashionable West-End. Mlle. Titcombe's costume is one of the latest Directoire creations, of cream-coloured broadcloth, cut tight to the figure in Princesse style, with a pearl lace yoke. The dress is slashed on the left side to the knee, and under it the lady wore white tights and long white boots embroidered with brilliants. Her appearance in Piccadilly Circus created considerable excitement and soon there was a large crowd endeavouring to keep pace with her, as she made her way towards Hyde Park.

An Awkward Collision.

In Rotten Row an exciting incident occurred. Mr. Winston Churchill was riding with two friends when the equestrienne appeared. The President of the Board of Trade and his friends turned to look after her, and at the same moment a distinguished-looking foreign gentleman, mounted on a brown stallion, came galloping up. Catching sight of Mlle. Titcombe's unusual costume, he turned to look round, and his horse came into violent collision with that ridden by Mr. Winston Churchill. Mr. Churchill speedily recovered his balance, but the foreigner's horse reared, and he only narrowly escaped a nasty accident.

The Paris Sensation.

The most absorbing subject of conversation in Paris just now is whether women are going to dress in the style of the four young women who created such a sensation among the spectators at Longchamps and were removed from the racecourse by the police. Mme. Margaine-Lacroix, who is responsible for launching the new costumes, when seen on the subject expressed surprise that exception should be taken to the costumes. Mme. Paquin showed some young women all wearing Paquin's latest creations. In all of these there were traces of the Directoire style, but nothing so startling as the "scabbard" dress. Here, as at Worth's, were shown the most marvellous creations in which the Directoire style was confined well within the quiet tone of modern good taste. M. Worth said, "I never read a newspaper and never go to races, so that I am quite ignorant of the dresses seen on Sunday, but I remember that some 40 years ago we made to order for a certain Mme. Korchikoff one of those ultra-Directoire robes. The lady created a sensation by appearing in the dress at a reception at the Ministry of Marine, and was promptly turned out. We have never made such a dress since."

Directoire Dress at Chester.

One of the Directoire dresses was seen on the Chester racecourse on the famous Cup day. It was, of course, a much modified form of "sheath" frock, and was worn by a lady who accompanied the Earl of Sefton. Among the many striking costumes seen on the Roodee it attracted considerable attention, and was both artistic and becoming

THREE OF THE PARIS DIRECTOIRE DRESSES

A SKIPPER DROWNED.

The trawler Ben Voirlich put into Aberdeen yesterday and reported the loss of Skipper Samuel Grimmer, 37. The vessel was off Cape Wrath the previous morning and the captain was knocked overboard by the gear. Grimmer sank, and is supposed to have been stunned by the blow. He was one of the best known and successful trawl masters in Aberdeen.

After being in America for 25 years Jas. Fort returned to Leigh, and was arrested for arrears on an order made against him more than a quarter of a century ago.

ATHLETICS.

THE STADIUM.

QUEEN'S PARK HARRIERS' MEETING.

Good Sport and Interesting Wrestling.

The Queen's Park executive are to be congratulated on obtaining the first Saturday fixture at the shepherd's Bush Stadium for their athletic meeting. That a local club whose members have well trodden the ground the exhibition is now built upon should hold the first week-end meeting was only natural, and the programme provided was a fitting one for the occasion. Splendid entries were obtained for the various events, and some fine finishes witnessed. The wrestling proved a great attraction. E. Barrett of the City Police won the Heavy Weight Championship, beating Nixon, Hammersmith A.W.C., by two falls to nil. During the progress of the sports Miss Ebba Gleeo gave a pleasing display of swedish diving, the Finland champion being well received. The inter-team scratch race attracted several well-known athletes, but with J. E. Deakin among the runners the result was never in doubt, the Southern Counties cross-country champion winning easily. The Herne Hill Harriers added another win to their recent victories, but a desperate race took place for second honours amongst the competing clubs, resulting in a dead heat between the Polytechnic and Essex Beagles. Deakin's time was 4min 34sec. Details —

100 Yards Open Handicap.—Winners of heats: G. J. Bright, Tooting A.C., 6½ yards start, time, 10 3-5. Heat 2: S. J. Marshall, Blackheath H., 8½ time, 10 3-5. Heat 3: S. G. Wheeler, Queen's Park H., 10½ time, 10 2-5. Heat 4: G. A. V. Connolly, S.L.H., 7½ time, 10 2-5. Heat 5: R. Gibson, S.L.H., 2½ time, 10 3-5. Heat 6: A. R. W. Masters, Thames Valley H., 7½ time, 10 3-5. Heat 7: F. C. Curtis, Polytechnic, 6½ time, 10 4-5. Heat 8: A. H. Hosking, Herne Hill H., 8 time, 10 2-5. Heat 9: C. W. Francis, Herne Hill H., 5½ time, 10. Heat 10: W. C. Wells, Highgate H., 9½ time, 10 2-5. second round: S. J. Marshall, 1; G. A. V. Connolly, 2. Won by half a yard. Time, 10 2-5sec. Heat 2: W. C. Wells, 1; F. J. B. Hosking, 2. Won easily. Time 10 2-5sec.

Final heat: Wells, 1; Marshall, 2; Connolly, 3. Won easily by a yard; half a yard between second and third. Time, 10 1-5sec.

440 Yards Open Bicycle Handicap.—Final heat: L. Moy, Polytechnic C.C., 35 yards start, 1; D. G. J. Elliott, Polytechnic C.C., 33, 2; M. Warren, Putney and Baroda C.C., 55, 3. Won by half a length; half a length dividing second and third. Time, 50 2-5sec.

1,000 Yards Members Handicap.—C. A. Marshall, 100 yards start, 1; W. H. Hazell, 45, 2; T. G. Green, 40, 3. Won by 8 yards; one yard between second and third. Time, 2min 18 4-5sec.

880 Yards Open Handicap.—Heat 1: A. D. Bullock, H.H.H., 65 yards start, 1; F. J. Heyes, L.A.C., 33, 2; H. J. Burnell, Polytechnic H., 5, 3. A. J. Dawson, S.L.H., 67, 4; F. J. Martin, Redhill and Reigate H., 70, 6. Won easily. Time, 1min 58sec. Heat 2: J. M. Hill, Q.P.H., 52, 1; T. Colley, Q.P.H., 2; C. R. Faussett, F.H., 42, 3; G. H. Gubby, T.V.H., 56, 4; H. B. Keartland, Tooting A.C., 63, 5; H. Coates, H.H., 55, 6. Won by 2 yards. Time, 1min 3-5sec.

Final heat: C. R. Faussett, 42yds start, 1; J. M. Hill, 52, 2; F. Heyes, 3. Won by 4yds, 6yds between 2nd and 3rd. Time, 1min 56sec.

Two Miles Walking Handicap.—L. Newson, Herne Hill H., 480yds start, 1; J. D. Mattingley, Polytechnic H., 380, 2; F. J. Eston, Kennington H., 115, 3. Won by 20yds, 15yds between 2nd and 3rd. Time, 13min 12 1-5sec.

880 Yards Open Bicycle Handicap.—F. G. Hamlin, Putney A.C., 20yds start, 1; L. Moy, Polytechnic C.C., 70, 2; W. G. Bailey, Polytechnic C.C., 25, 3. Won by ½ wheel; a wheel between 2nd and 3rd. Time, 58 3-5sec.

300 Yards Open Handicap. — Final Heat: W. Apps, Herne Hill H., 21yds start, 1; W. C. Wells, Highgate H., 24, 2; G. Nicol, Polytechnic H., 10, 3. Won by a yard; 1½yd dividing 2nd and 3rd. Time, 31 4-5sec.

One Mile Open Handicap.—H. Coates, H.H., 120yds start, 1; F. G. Green, Q.P.H., 120, 2; H. Akehurst, Surrey A.C., 120, 3. Won a good race by 2yds; half this distance between 2nd and 3rd. Time, 4min 27 3-5sec.

Wrestling.

Heavyweight Championship (Catch-as-catch-can style).—Final: E. Barrett, City of London Police A.C., beat E. Nixon, Hammersmith A.W.C., by 2 falls to nil. The times were: First fall, 1min 26sec, and second, 2min 26sec.

Feather-Weight Championship (Cumberland and Westmoreland style).—F. L. Newman, London A.W.C., 3 falls, 1; W. F. Jones, Olympic A.W.C., 2 falls, 2. E. Winskill, unattached, 1 fall, 3. A good contest.

One Mile Inter-team Scratch Race (seven teams entered).—Result: J. F. Deakin, Herne Hill H., time, 4min 34sec, 1; G. F. Jennings, Cambridge H., 2; A. C. Parry, H.H.H., 3; E. Jones, Polytechnic, 4; J. Henney, H.H.H., 5; R. F. C. Yorke, Surrey A.C., 6; T. W. Woodman, H.H.H., 7; A. Townsend, Essex Beagles, 8; E. V. Gosset, Essex Beagles, 9; the C. Cowlishaw, Polytechnic, 10. Won by 10 yards; 3 yards between second and third Clubfellings: Herne Hill H., 16 points, 1; Essex Beagles and Polytechnic H. dead-heat, 45, 2; Queen's Park H., 4

INTER-COLLEGIATES AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

Westminster Win the Challenge Shield.

College Records.

It was a large and enthusiastic gathering which assembled at Stamford Bridge Grounds when the annual meeting of athletic representatives of the Metropolitan Teachers' Training Colleges took place. During the afternoon two fresh records for the sports were established by representatives of Westminster (the winning college), viz., W. Singleton's mile in 4min 49 2-5sec, and A. L. Grey's quarter-mile in 54sec while in the 120 yards hurdles C. J. Tinson, of St. Mark's College, took a place. The sports by winning in 17 4-5sec. Another good performance was that of J. Casey, St. Mary's, who won the 100 yards in 10 4-5sec.

The final scores were —Westminster, 21 and 1-10th points (winners of the Shield); St. Mark's, 13 1-10th points; St. Mary's, 8 6-10th points; Borough Road (Isleworth), 8 4-10th; and St. John's, 2 1-10th.

There were numerous pulls in the tug-of-war, each winning team scoring 3-10th of point. St. John's beat St. Mark's and Westminster beat St. Mary's in the final pull.

100 Yards.—J. Casey, St. Mary's, 1; E. A. Brockbank, Westminster, 2; H. Ward, Westminster, 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 10 4-5sec.

Half mile.—F. V. Monk, St. Mark's, 1; A. L. Grey, Westminster, 2; C. Blunt, St. Mark's, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 2min 7 3-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles.—E. J. Linton, St. Mark's, 1; E. A. Green, Borough Road, 2; J. W. Brown, St. Mark's, 3. Won by three yards. Time, 17 3-5sec, tieing the Inter-Collegiate record.

High Jump.—H. Ward, Westminster, and H. Chesterfield, Westminster, tied for first place at 5ft 1in. A. Hobson, Borough Road, 5ft 3.

Putting the Weight.—G. E. Glenister, St. Mark's, 33ft 2in, 1; P. Markham, Westminster, 2; J. D. Higginson, Borough Road, 3.

One Mile.—W. Singleton, Westminster, 1; F. V. Monk, St. Mark's, 2; R. Jack, Borough Road, 3. Monk went to the front 200 yards from home, but was repassed by Singleton, who won a grand race by six yards. Time, 4min 49 2-5sec, beating the previous Inter-Collegiate record by 2 5-sec

Long Jump.—J. J. Thomas, Borough Road, 19ft 5in, 1; E. McGuinness, St. Mary's, 19ft 3½in, 2; F. Markham, Westminster, 19ft 3in, 3.

Quarter-mile.—A. L. Grey, Westminster, 1; E. McGuinness, St. Mary's, 2; J. Carey, St. Mary's, 3. Another fine race, Grey winning by a foot. Time, 54sec—4 5th sec inside the previous best for the sports.

This is the first occasion on which Westminster have won the Shield

MERCERS SCHOOL SPORTS.

The 30th annual athletic sports were held at Herne Hill track. Class I events decide over 15; Class II., over 13, and Class III under 13 years of age. Results —

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Class II and III).—W. A. Nicholson, 1; T. F. Eade, 2; A. Blunn, 3.

Kicking the Football (Class II and III).—W. A. Nicholson, 1; A. G. Heading. Winner kicked 45 yards.

Long Jump (Class II and III).—W. A. Nicholson, 1; G. B. Morrison, 2.

Obstacle Race (Class III).—G. T. P. Shemmonds, 1; J. Garrard and C. C. Griffin dead-heated for second position. Won by 10 yards.

Quarter-mile Race (Class I).—A. C. Wall, 1; J. C. Fenton-Jones, 2; D. J. W. Walker, 3. Won by ½ yards.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Class I).—A. C. Wall, 1; J. C. Fenton-Jones, 2; D. J. W. Walker, 3. Winner threw 68 yards.

Half-mile Handicap (Class II).—J. F. Seward, scratch, 1; L. H. Burrow, 20 yards start, 2; V. G. G. Fish, 40, 3. Won by 15 yards.

75 Yards Race (Class III).—G. T. P. Shemmonds, 1; E. A. Stringer, 2; J. Garrard, 3. Won by half yard.

Long Jump (Class I).—F. R. Seward, 1; A. C. Wall, 2; J. C. Fenton-Jones, 3. Winner jumped 17ft 5in.

Half-mile Race (Class I).—S. R. Seward, 1; A. C. Wall, 2; J. C. Fenton-Jones, 3. Won by 50 yards.

High Jump (Class I.)—A. C. Wall, 1; J. C. Fenton-Jones, 2. Wall cleared 4ft 7in.

220 Yards Race (Class II).—H. Meyer, 1; L. C. H. Stringer, 2; L. H. Burrow, 3. Won by 20 yards.

100 Yards Race (Class I.)—J. C. Fenton-Jones, 1; A. C. Wall, 2; N. Williams, 3. Won by half a yard.

220 Yards Race (Class III).—G. T. P. Shemmonds, 1; P. M. Blake, 2; E. A. Stringer, 3. Won by 10 yards.

100 Yards Race (Class II).—H. Meyer, 1; L. C. H. Stringer, 2; W. A. Nicholson, 3. Won by five yards.

100 Yards (First XI. Football) Handicap.—W. P. Brendon, scratch, 1; W. Hammer, scratch, 2; A. Mason, 3 yards start, 3. Won by inches.

One Mile Handicap (Class).—R. B. Bilby, 35 yards start, 1; J. C. Fenton Jones, scratch, 2. Won by 30 yards.

One Mile (Old Boys) Cycle Race.—H. Lesty, Poly. C.C., scratch, 1; L. Newcombe, 220 yards start, 2; C. E. Edsall, 100 yards, 3. Won by 150 yards.

660 Yards Handicap.—A. Mason, 25 yards start, 1; A. E. Ellis, 55, 2. Won by seven yards.

MIDLAND C. AND A.C.

At Aston.

Quarter Mile Cycle.—F. A. Pratt, Weymondham, 28 yards start, 1; D. Hodgetts, Rover, 4, 2; V. Pratt, Rover, 16, 3.

Half Mile Novices.—W. H. Strutt, Lion Wheelers, 35 yards start, 1; P. Palfreyman, Nuneaton, 25, 2; M. Newton, Coventry, 45, 3. Won by three lengths.

Half Mile Scratch.—V. Johnson, Rover, 1; A. E. Taylor, Rover, 2; D. Buck, Anerley, 3. Won by two lengths.

Midland C. and A. Team Race.—Birmingham: D. Hodgetts, V. Johnson, G. Owen, E. Pratt, 20 points. London: G. Anderson, H. Buck, C. Brooks, J. Matthews, 20 points. Heat winners: Johnson, Matthews, Johnson, and Hodgetts.

Half mile Bicycle.—H. Tinger, Coventry, 70 yards start, 1; J. Harris, Wyndham, 65, 2; H. Murcott, Midland C., 62, 3.

Five Miles Pursuit.—Midland Wheelers beat Midland C. and A.C. 14 points to 22. D. Noon, Midland, 1; C. Smith, Manchester, 2; F. Lowcock, Manchester, 3.

The Little Nigger Race.—V. Johnson, 1; L. Meredith, 2; A. Taylor, Rovers, 3.

London v. Birmingham Team Race.—London, 9. Midland Winners: Johnson, Matthews, Johnson, Hodgetts. Birmingham: D. Hodgette (Rover C.C.), V. Johnson (Rover), J. W. Owen (Wyndham); E. Pratt, 20 points. London: G. C. Anderson (Forest C.C.), H. D. Buck (Anerley), C. Brooks (Polytechnic); Matthews (Marlborough), 23 points.

MANCHESTER WORKS LEAGUE.

The first annual sports were held at Fallowfield before a large crowd. The chief event was the ten miles cycle race for the Davies Cup, value 12s guineas, and all notable athletes competed. Details:—

Half-mile Handicap.—F. Nicholas, Hanley, 56 yards start, 1; J. Tonge, Hereford, 52, 2; P. Flint, Salford, 52, 3. Won by 10 yards.

440 Yards Members Handicap.—A. Faulkners, Ship Canal, 18 yards start, 1; H. Wood, Lancashire Dynamo, 5, 2; W. Cunliffe, Brooks, 12, 3. Won by a yard.

120 Yards Members.—G. Rayners, Crumpsall, 4½ yards start, 1; E. Cook, Crumpsall, 6, 2; G. Owen, Irwell, 4½, 3. Won by a yard.

120 Yards Open.—G. Darlington, Penkeith, 1; C. Oakley, Hereford, 8½ yards start, 2; F. Sleys, Manchester, 12½, 3. Won by a yard.

Half-mile Open Cycle Handicap.—J. Dickenson, Barrow, 55 yards start, 1; E. T. Barlow, Bury Athletic Club, 65, 2; R. W. Woodend Manchester Wheelers, 35, 3. Won by 2 lengths.

Mile Open Flat Handicap.—W. Pritchard, Chester, 125 yards start, 1; G. Walmough, Warrington, 120, 2; H. Wilson, Hallamshire, 50, 3. Won by three yards.

One Lap Open Cycle Handicap.—J. Dickenson, Barrow, 27yds start, 1; G. Forshaw, Bury, 35, 2; J. Harvey, Birmingham, 5, 3. Won by inches.

220 Yards Open Handicap.—E. Quinne, Liverpool, 16½yds start, 1; E. Darlington, Penkeith, 14½, 2; V. Denton, Broughton, 18, 3. Won by inches.

Ten Miles Scratch Race (for "Davies" Cup).—C. B. Kingsbury, Southampton, 1; A. E. Calvert, Preston, 2; J. Harvey, Birmingham, 3. Won by three lengths.

SCOTTISH INTER-SCHOLASTIC SPORTS.

At Edinburgh, under the auspices of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association, the ninth annual sports of the Scottish Schools were held on the Exhibition Track. The wet weather spoiled all Results —

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—A. Smith, Glasgow High School, 89yds 1in, 1.

100 Yards Scratch Race.—L. Crombie, Glasgow High School, 1.

Putting the Weight.—T. Hotchkiss, Glasgow High School, 30ft 1½in, 1.

Long Jump.—A. Brown, Glasgow High School, 18ft 10½in, 1.

120 Yards Hurdles.—N. Mackay, Allan Glens, Glasgow, 1.

440 Yards Scratch Race.—D. L. Seath, Dundee High School, 1.

High Jump.—N. Mackay, Allan Glens, Glasgow, and J. Bryce, George Heriots, Edinburgh, 5ft 1in, dead heat.

One Mile Scratch Race.—N. Hislop, Heriots School, Edinburgh, 1.

A. E. WARE'S LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN.

Another Unfortunate Breakdown.

The veteran Ashlee, A. E. Ware, of the L. and N.W. Rly., who finished 27th in the Polytechnic H. Marathon trial race, and who is 46 years of age, made a second attempt yesterday at running from London to Brighton inside F. D. Randall's amateur record time of 6 hrs 58min 18sec; but, although he was well under his schedule at the half distance and seemed sanguine of success, his right leg shortly afterwards gave way, and he had, as on a former occasion last year, to abandon the attempt.

SHRUBB FAILS AT RECORD.

About 4,000 people attended the sports at Warrington, the chief attraction being an attempt by A. Shrubb on the four miles grass track record of 19min 25 4-5sec held by himself. G. B. Tinsley, of Edinburgh, was to have run against Shrubb but he did not appear. The services of three local men were placed at the disposal of the ex amateur champion, but he failed to beat his previous record, taking 20min 25 4-5sec to do the distance.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

At Aldershot. Details —

Mounted Competition.—Sergt. Wilson, Heads and Posts.—Corpl. Wade.

Three Miles Bicycle Race.—Dvr. Thorne.

Long Jump.—Lce corpl. Cusions, 16ft 9in.

Tug-of-War.—Balloon Co., 1; Telegraph Co., 2.

Old Soldiers (Under 18 Years' Service).—Sgt. Gough.

Old Soldiers Race (Over 18 Years' Service).—Colr. sergt. maj. Pearce. Qmr.-sergt. Longley fell and broke his collar-bone.

High Jump.—Lce corpl. Baker, 4ft 10in.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Dvrs. Jefferies, 83yds.

One Mile.—Spr. Denyer.

Lemon Cutting.—Sergt. Wright.

Relay Race.—Scots Guards.

Tent Pegging.—Sergt. Saunderson.

Tent Pegging (Open).—21 Lancers.

Obstacle Race.—Spr. Flurrie.

Hurdle Race.—Lce corpl. Barker.

Quarter mile.—Lce corpl. Holmes.

Mounted Jumping Competition.—Sergt. Wilson.

Trumpeters Race.—Trmpr. Keizer.

Band Race.—Musician Stevens.

Three Legged Race.—Corpl. Crozen and Spr. Baker.

Wrestling on Horseback.—Balloon Section.

Victoria Cross Race.—Spr. Gray and Boy Johnson.

Balaclava Melee.—23rd Co.

GOLF.

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

Scottish Victory.

The Ladies' International Match Tournament was concluded at St. Andrews, and resulted in a victory for Scotland. The result of the previous day's play left the issue between Scotland and England, and when the first five of the Scottish team defeated their English opponents the destination of the Shield for the succeeding year was settled.

Miss Nevill, of the English team, and Miss Teacher, the Scottish champion, drew a large gallery. They had a close game going out, although Miss Teacher began badly by losing the first two holes, through her weak short game. She won the fourth, however, and drew level at the fifth, when the laid her opponent a stymie. Miss Neville missed a holeable put at the 7th, and Miss Teacher, winning, took the lead for the first time, but the game was again all square at the 9th. At the turn also Miss Campbell was 7 up on Miss Thompson, Miss Glover 4 up on Mrs. Sumpter, Miss E. Grant Suttie 2 up on Miss Tulleron, Miss G. Robertson 2 up on Miss Turner, Miss J. Rusack 1 up on Miss H. Evans, Mrs Y. W. Brown 1 down to Mrs. Tamworth, Miss Maitland 2 down to Miss Leitch and Miss Neill Fraser 1 down to Miss Steel. Playing a very fine long game, Miss Teacher won the 15th, 16th, and 18th holes, thus becoming dormy, and a half at the 16th gave her the match by 3 up and 2 to play. Miss Thompson played a lot below her proper form, and was no match for Miss Campbell. Miss Evans drew level with Miss Rusack, a well-known local golfer, at the 12th. From that point she always had the upper hand, and winning by 3 and 1, was the first English player to record a victory. Ireland met Wales, and the Principality, as on the preceding day was badly beaten. Both ladies played very steady golf, and had easy victories. The Irish players were, indeed, so many holes in hand at the turn that from that point their victory was practically assured. Details —

Scotland v. England (Scotland mentioned first in each case). Miss E. Teacher (3 and 2), Miss E. Neville, 0. Miss J. Campbell (7 and 6), 1, Miss B. Thompson, 0. Miss A. Glover (5 and 2), 1. Mrs. Sumpter, 0. Miss E. Grant-Suttie (2 and 1), 1. Miss Tillerton, 0. Miss G. Robertson, 1. Miss E. Turner, 0. Miss J. Rusack, 0. Miss Evans (3 and 1), 1. Mrs. F. W. Brown (2 and 1), 1. Mrs. Tamworth, 0. Miss Maitland, 0. Miss Leitch (3 and 2), 1. Miss M. Neill Fraser, 0. Miss Steel (4 and 2), 1. Total: Scotland, 6, England, 3.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP.

At Deal, the first and second rounds of the annual Parliamentary Handicap were played in fine weather. There was a record entry of 135 players for the competition, and, as a consequence, seven preliminary matches had to be drawn in order to reduce the number of competitors to 128.

The following won in the first round: Dr. V. H. Rutherford, M.P. (gave 3 strokes), Mr. L. Caudwell, M.P. (rec. 1). Lord Kinnoull (walk over), Mr. J. Rutherford, M.P. (walk over), Mr. A. S. Wilson, M.P. (rec. 4), Mr. A. H. Crosfield, M.P. (gave 4), Dr. Macnamara, M.P. (walk over), Lord Dudley (walk over), Mr. J. A. Pease, M.P. (walk over), Mr. H. W. Myer, M.P. (rec. 5), Mr. H. E. Moore (Press Gallery, walk over), Mr. P. Duncan, M.P. (gave 5), Lord Newton (walk over), Mr. H. J. Craig, M.P. (rec. 1), Mr. A. E. Hutton, M.P., Mr. H. J. Radley (Clerk, House of Lords, gave 1), Mr. J. M. Henderson, M.P. (gave 9), Lord Dalhousie (walk over), Mr. A. Gray (House of Lords, gave 9), Mr. G. B. Haddock, M.P. (gave 5), Mr. A. Emmott, M.P., Mr. R. Lowe (Journal Clerk, House of Commons, rec. 4 strokes), Mr. A. W. Carr-Gomm, M.P. (gave 9), Mr. Timothy Davies, M.P. (walk over), Mr. G. C. Williams, M.P. (walk over), Mr. J. Dodds (Press Gallery, walk over), Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P. (rec. 1), Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P. (walk over), Lord Chesterfield (gave 5), Lord Lovat (rec. 3), Mr. B. H. Peel (Clerk, House of Commons, rec. 4), Mr. H. Newnes, M.P. (walk over), Mr. D. Schwann, M.P. (gave 5), Mr. A. J. Robertson (Press Gallery, gave 14), Mr. E. J. Soares, M.P. (rec. 5), Mr. F. Freeman-Thomas, M.P. (gave 4), Mr. C. W. Campion (Examiner, House of Commons, gave 5), Mr. J. B. Hotham (Clerk, House of Lords, gave 1), Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P. (gave 1), Hon. A. Lyttelton (gave 12), Mr. J. F. Symons, Jeune (Clerk, House of Lords, rec. 5), Lord Westmoreland (gave 2), Mr. G. L. Estrange (Press Gallery, rec. 2), Mr. H. J. Gladstone, M.P. (walk over), Mr. A. E. W. Hazell, M.P. (walk over), Mr. S. Meikleham, M.P. (walk over), Mr. G. Partington, M.P. (gave 1), Lord Ribblesdale (rec. 5), Mr. J. E. Sears, M.P. (walk over), Mr. A. Bonar Law, M.P. (gave 2), Mr. A. F. Du Cros (walk over), Mr. W. Howell Davies, M.P. (gave 4), Lord Errol (walk over), Mr. E. Beauchamp, M.P. (rec. 2), Mr. R. Pearce, M.P. (walk over), Mr. R. Laidlaw, M.P. (rec. 2), Mr. T. H. D. Herridge, M.P. (rec. 3), Mr. F. A. Bull (Clerk, House of Commons, gave 3), Mr. J. S. Porter (Clerk, House of Commons, gave 5), Lord Raithmore (rec. 6), Mr. A. C. Beck, M.P. (level), Mr. W. Pearce, M.P. (gave 5), Mr. J. S. MacGregor (Press Gallery, gave 3), Mr. Tennant.

Second Round.

Mr. Lambert (rec. 5), Mr. J. Rutherford (rec. 5), Mr. Crosfield (gave 8), Dr. Macnamara (walk over), Mr. Myer (rec. 2), Mr. H. J. Craig (rec. 7), Mr. Radley (gave 5), Lord Dalhousie (rec. 2), Mr. Gray (gave 4), Mr. Emmott (rec. 3), Mr. T. Davies (rec. 5), Mr. Williams (gave 7), Mr. Tennant (rec. 5), Lord Chesterfield (gave Mr. F. H. Newnes (rec. 4), Mr. Robertson (gave 11), Mr. Pearce (walk over), Mr. Campion, Mr. Forster (gave 8), Hon. A. Lyttelton (gave 11), Lord Westmoreland (rec. 5), Mr. Gladstone (gave 12), Mr. Partington (rec. 1), Mr. Sears (rec. 5), Mr. Du Cros (rec. 4), Lord Errol (rec. 2), Mr. R. Pearce (rec. 3), Mr. Herridge (gave 2), Mr. Porter, Mr. Beck (gave 2), Mr. W. Pearce (rec. 4).

IRELAND v. WALES.

Miss May Heslet (5 and 3) 1; Miss Lloyd Roberts, 0. Miss F. Heslet (7 and 6), 1; Miss Duncan, 0. Miss M. E. Stuart (4 and 3), 1; Miss N. Evan, 0. Mrs. Cuthell (6 and 5) 1. Miss M. Powell, 0. Mrs. Durlacher (3 and 2), 1. Mrs. David, 0. Miss Walker Leigh, 0. Miss Allington Hughes (1 up), 1. Miss Tyndall (4 and 3), 1; Miss Whierden, 0. Miss Finn (7 and 6), 1. Mrs. Anderton, 0. Miss N. Graham (4 and 2), 1; Mrs. Ellis Griffiths, 0. Ireland, 8. Wales, 1. (Ireland mentioned first in each case).

Result.—Scotland, 9+6+6 23 points, 1. England, 5+9+3 17, 2. Ireland, 4+3+8=15 3. Wales, 0+0+1=1, 4

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

About 160 entries have been received for the Amateur Golf Championship. It is, therefore, now certain that a start will be necessary on Monday, May 25. The most notable name missing from the list (which closes to-morrow Monday) is that of Mr. Robert Maxwell, the Amateur ex-Champion.

NEW COURSE AT HENLEY.

Braid v. Jones.

For the opening of the new 18-holes course at Henley-on-Thames a match was originally arranged between James Braid and Harry Vardon, but owing to the latter's attack of influenza he had to scratch. In his place Rowland Jones met Braid. Jones was below Braid's form throughout the contest, and after being 4 down at the end of the morning round went right off in the afternoon and lost by 9 and 8. Jones, however, played an excellent game in the two which he won by 2 and 1, coming home in 37 strokes, the best holes of the match.

The course, which is about 6,004 yards long was formally opened by Mr. Valentine Fleming, the president who drove a good ball from the first tee.

Eltham Club.—Monthly medal.—H. Wallis Wood.

Bexhill Club.—Scratch gold Medal.—W. Bradshaw 74, scratch medal.—A. Sharratt 74, net. Junior medal.—F. H. Payne and Dr. Lightbody tied at 77 net.

South Herts Club.—Monthly medals.—Senior: F. H. Collier 76, net. Junior: H. Vernon 81, net. Woodside Cup: F. H. Collier qualified.

Epsom Club.—Brooks Cup (scratch): W. C. Michie 85, Rowlett's medal: W. K. Burgess, 77, net.

Willingdon (Eastbourne Club.—Second Rosey Competition.—H. W. Fewings, 1 down. Junior: H. D. Cross, 2 down.

Tooting Bec Club Monthly Bogey Competition.—Senior: E. A. Garton and F. J. Rice tied at 7 up. Junior: D. Bell, 1 up.

Highgate Club.—Junior medal.—T. Prevett, 74 net.

Sundridge Park Club.—monthly medal.—Senior: Col. F. Satterthwaite, 76, net. Junior: L. Jezzi, 74 net.

Ranelagh Club.—Bowles Cup.—Senior monthly medal.—W. F. Davis, 8, Miller, 9. H. Falconer and F. Batey tied at 8, net.

YACHTING.

RANELAGH S.C.

Three of the handicappers raced at Putney and three of the class boats in the first event. Holdings Severn won easily, and in the class race Hours v. Planet won by nearly three minutes from Heasman's Vic.

LONDON CORINTHIAN S.C.

There was an all-in sailing over the Hammersmith Barnes course. Assegai, Thecrette, Preston, and Sula. Thecrette led out but at the end of the first round only led Sula by three seconds, started her own way after and beat Sula by three minutes.

EASTERN Y.C. OF ENGLAND.

In a fine westerly breeze this club gave races for the six metre class and the one design boats. Schiedt, Dorgal, Alien and Minnosa started in the first race and Schiedt, showing good form, won by three minutes from Dormy Alien being third. The one design race was won by Sue Ell being second.

NORE Y.C.

The race was from Southend round the Mouse light and back, eight starting in a good breeze. Bobs led at the start and was first at

„THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,496 births and 1,273 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 134 and the deaths 143 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death rate, from all causes, which had been 14.7 15.4, and 14.0 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, fell last week to 13.8.

The 1,273 deaths included 38 from measles, 10 from scarlet fever, six from diphtheria, 22 from whooping-cough, one from enteric fever, and 11 from diarrhœa.

Different forms of violence caused 61 deaths, of which 10 were cases of suicide and one of homicide, while the remaining 50 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,938 births and 1,821 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 75 and 143 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths in London and in 75 other great towns of England and Wales registered last week corresponded to an annual rate of 14.2 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,932 persons in the middle of this year. In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 15.2, 15.4, and 15.7.

Owing to the success which attended the G.W.R. "day trip" excursions to Killarney, it has been decided to run another trip on May 23.

QUALITIES OF SUCCESS.

The following advertisement appears in a Vienna journal: — "Wanted, by important firm, a commercial agent; good talker, arrogant, and unscrupulous; good salary, with prospect of increase if satisfactory all round."

HISTORIC BUILDING.

The vicar of Romford proposes to purchase at a cost of £2,500 the Cock and Bell Inn, Romford, for use as a church and mission hall. The building was in the 15th century the residence of some priests, but for over 300 years it has been a public-house.

In consequence of the scheme proving a financial failure the Dover Rowing Club have decided to discontinue Sunday boating this year.

The University of Cambridge will confer the honorary degree of LL.D on a number of Bishops in connection with the Pan Anglican Congress.

The Goldsmiths' Co., the owners, announce that Holy Trinity Church, Goughsq., Fleet-st., with its site of 3,000 square feet, is for sale.

At the meeting of the Surrey County Council the resignation of Mr. F. G. Howell, county surveyor, was received with regret.

M. H. A. W. Hervey, C.B., late of the Foreign Office, and brother of Canon Hervey, domestic chaplain to the King, died this week, aged 76.

On his retirement Mr. Jno Green, ex-superintendent at Victoria Station (S.E. and C. Rly.), has been presented with a silver salver and a cheque for £430.

BISHOPS AT MARLBOROUGH HOUSE

The Prince and Princess of Wales have invited the bishops from home and abroad who are attending the Pan-Anglican Congress in London to a reception on June 24 at Marlborough House. Two hundred and fifty bishops are expected to be present.

A TAXI-CAB BARGAIN.

An application from a company desirous of running taximeter cabs having been received, Scarborough Town Council resolved that they would license taximeter cabs on the understanding that for each such cab licensed the company should purchase one hackney carriage already licensed.

THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

By extinguishing the street lamps from one to two hours earlier in the morning, Paddington Borough Council estimated that a saving of £700 a year would be effected. Since the beginning of April the scheme has been in operation, but owing to protests from residents it is probable that the council will revert to the old system.

The King has sent a donation of £52 10s. to the Kelling (Norfolk) open-air sanatorium for consumptives.

Gen. Sir Wm. Manning has arrived in London on the completion of his term as Acting Governor of the Nyassaland Protectorate.

The King has informed the Lord Mayor of Manchester that he regrets that he will be unable to open the Manchester Royal Infirmary this summer.

Mr. F. W. Gregory, Mayor of Tenby, has resigned. He has been away from the town since the early part of the year, having gone back to the stage.

Mr. C. C. Kingston, ex-Premier of South Australia, one of the leaders in the movement which brought about the federation of Australia, has died at Adelaide after a lingering illness.

Mr. Leopold de Rothschild will take the chair at the annual dinner of the old Boys of King's College School, on June 24, at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant.

M. Paderewski, who has just left New York, after a seven months' tour in the States, during which he gave concerts in 64 different towns, has, it is stated, received £50,000 in fees.

Alexander Schick, of Chicago, has travelled 6,000 miles as a tramp to win 4s. offered to him by his uncle if he had "nerve" enough to stay away from home for four days. He stayed away three months.

"HOME'S BEST."

During Queen Alexandra's visit to Hvidore Castle, her Majesty asked that the following inscription should be placed over the doorway, which has been done: "Ost, Vest, Hjeenme bedst" (East, West, Home's best).

PEER'S £1,000 GIFT.

Lord Barnard has offered to place the sum of £1,000 in trust for the benefit of the agriculture department of the Armstrong College, Newcastle. At a meeting of the council of the college the offer was accepted.

KILLED WITH A PEA RIFLE.

Jno. Reid, a young farm servant, was on his way home in the parish of Fyvie, Aberdeenshire, when he was struck on the head by the contents of a pea rifle, with which some lads near by were amusing themselves. Reid died from his injuries in the course of the day.

Mr. Geo. Garret, one of the largest ironmasters in Scotland, has died at Coatbridge, aged 62.

Liverpool Grocers' Association has decided to reduce the retail price of sugar by a farthing per pound.

Chas. Fitton, a stoker employed by the Huddersfield Corporation, died in the local infirmary from scalds sustained whilst at work.

During last month 18,700 tons of fish arrived at Billingsgate Market for sale, 13,563 tons coming by rail and 5,137 tons by water.

"I had just come home from a six months' voyage, and a glass or two capsized me," said a sailor charged at Greenwich with drunkenness.

Mr. H. Weedon, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and Dr Munsterberg, of the Berlin Municipal Council, visited the meeting of the L.C.C., and were officially welcomed by the chairman.

The Master and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway) of the workhouse at Homerton, have resigned after 29 and 27 years' service respectively under the City of London Board of Guardians.

DISTRAINT AND THE VOTE.

At Islington a sale took place of effects of Dr. Winifred Patch, of the Women's Freedom League, on account of her income tax, which she refused to pay on the ground that she had no vote. The articles offered for sale included two gold watches and a silver salver, which were all bought in at £6 10s.

BELLRINGER FOR 70 YEARS.

Mr. Geo. Godfrey, a bellringer, has died at Hertford at the age of 87. He first started ringing 70 years ago at All Saints' Church, Hertford, which was burned down a few years since. Besides this record, he held another, having been 50 years in the employment of a firm of ironmongers in the borough.

ENGLISH CHURCH PAGEANT.

A committee of the highest authorities on ecclesiastical history, art, and literature has been engaged for some time in devising an English Church pageant, which shall depict in dramatic form the most interesting incidents in the story of the Church of England. It has been decided to hold the pageant at Brighton in July, 1909, and it will be under the direction of Mr. Frank Lascelles.

Seven hundred and sixty-six death sentences were passed in Russia during the first three months of 1908.

The King, accompanied by the Queen, will visit Bristol during the week commencing July 6 to open the Royal Edward Dock at Avonmouth.

Berthold Pusch, 19 years old, a new baritone, who will appear shortly at the Royal Opera at Berlin, is a bricklayer by trade.

Jno Furr, who was digging a grave in the Nottingham-rd., Cemetery at Derby, was buried by a quantity of earth which fell on him. He was badly injured.

The Bishop of Norwich, in his visitation charge, stated that on Easter Day, 1907, there were 2,103,903 communicants throughout England, or 64 per 1,000 of the population.

To ascertain whether the ratepayers desire to apply to the King for a charter of incorporation, a poll of the parish of Willesden—the largest urban district in the United Kingdom will be taken.

The installation of Lord Rayleigh as Chancellor of Cambridge University, to which he was inducted on May 1 in succession to the late Duke of Devonshire, has been definitely fixed for June 17.

An ambulance surgeon who was called in New York to attend to a woman who had fainted, restored her to consciousness by cutting her corset strings. His diagnosis was "tight-lacing."

THE CULLINAN DIAMOND.

The cutting of the Cullinan diamond proceeds most satisfactorily. Models of design will shortly be shown to King Edward for his decision regarding its ultimate shape.

BABY SOLDIER.

The one-year-old Prince of Asturias, King Alfonso's heir, has been photographed in the uniform of the King's Infantry Regiment, in which he was enrolled as a private on his birthday on Sunday.

WORKHOUSE LONGEVITY.

At a meeting of Nottingham Guardians one of the members stated that Sarah Bramley, who is 109 years old, is an inmate of the workhouse. The records show that Miss Bramley was born in Nottingham in 1799. She entered the workhouse 45 years ago, and has cost the guardians more than £900.

Capt. Greenstreet, of the New Zealand Shipping Co.'s s.s. Rimutoka, is now on his 71 voyage round the world.

As a farm hand was approaching to let them out of a field two horses were killed by lightning at Viewley Farm, seven miles from Hexham.

One hundred and ninety-seven persons resident in Surrey have applied for small holdings to the extent of 2,560 acres.

Mr. P. F. H. Law Smith, K.C., has been appointed County Court Judge of Limerick in succession to the late Judge Adams.

At a distance of 19 miles, the submarine signal bell of the Sangatte lightship, off Dunkirk, which was passed in a thick fog, was distinctly heard on board the Kaiser Wilhelm II. on the last homeward voyage.

Close to the spot where his father was killed by a train some years ago, Walter Coles, a farmer, of Yeoford Junction, was knocked down by an express train near Tiverton Junction, and seriously injured.

A baker named Coles, of New Headington, near Oxford, to whom a legacy was bequeathed by a Northamptonshire relative 24 years ago, has arrived in Wellingborough, established his identity, and recovered the money.

BOY'S FORTY-FOOT FALL.

Matthew Blair, eight years old, of Roker, Sunderland, fell over a cliff on to an asphalt footpath 40ft. below, and, after walking some distance to his home, was certified by a doctor to be suffering only from shock!

3,769 WAIFS AND STRAYS.

The report read at the 27th annual meeting of the Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays states that at the close of the year there were under the society's care 1,802 boys and 1,967 girls, making a total of 3,769 children, compared with 3,610 at the end of 1906.

THE CUP THAT CHEERS.

In a printed reply to Mr. Fell, M.P., Mr. Lloyd-George states that the total quantity of tea imported into the United Kingdom in 1906 and 1907 was 321,190,064 pounds, valued at £9,904,685, and 317,127,058 pounds, valued at £10,744,719, for the respective years. Last year 171,592,930 pounds of tea came from India and 107,469,770 pounds from Ceylon.

Lord Rosebery has fixed June 12 for his installation as Lord Chancellor of Glasgow University.

Eight cases of spotted fever have occurred at Swansea, and four deaths have taken place.

For the best method of commercially utilising rat skins the Society for the Destruction of Vermin is offering an award of 10gs.

A little water-colour drawing of Lago di Garda, 9¾ins. by 11ins., by J. M. W. Turner, was sold for £252 at Christie's this week.

Asked if he had any witness, defendant at Willesden replied: "My own conscience will substantiate what I have said."—Clerk: Yes, but that would not be evidence.

Chas. Hallume, who enlisted in the 6th Royal Warwicks in 1836, when William IV. was on the throne, and went through the Gwalior War in 1841, has died at Claeton in his 93th year.

All that was wanted in South Africa to develop the natural resources was capital, said Sir Richard Solomon, Agent - General for the Transvaal, at the annual meeting of the South African Colonisation Society.

A conference of the great maritime Powers will be held in London next autumn to discuss questions arising out of the International Prize Court of Appeal proposed at the recent Hague Peace Conference. It will have nothing to do with armaments.

POACHER'S FUNERAL.

In accordance with his last request, John Holcombe, formerly a notorious poacher was borne to his grave at Dulverton, Somerset, by keepers on the West Somerset estates, on which he killed deer and hares innumerable.

THE LADY OF THE LAMP.

A stream of letters and telegrams and numbers of bouquets were received by Miss Florence Nightingale on her 88th birthday. The King and Queen sent their congratulations and good wishes.

TO REPLACE THE TIGER.

The Admiralty are negotiating with Palmer's Shipbuilding Co., Jarrow-on-Tyne, for the purchase of two turbine destroyers built by them, to replace the 30-knot destroyer Tiger on the river destroyer Gala, which was recently lost in collisions during night exercises.

NEXT WEEK, "THE CUCKOO WENT 'CUCKOO!'" SUNG BY MISS ROSE LLOYD.

WALKS! WALKS! WALKS!

SUNG with Enormous Success by GEO. MOZART.

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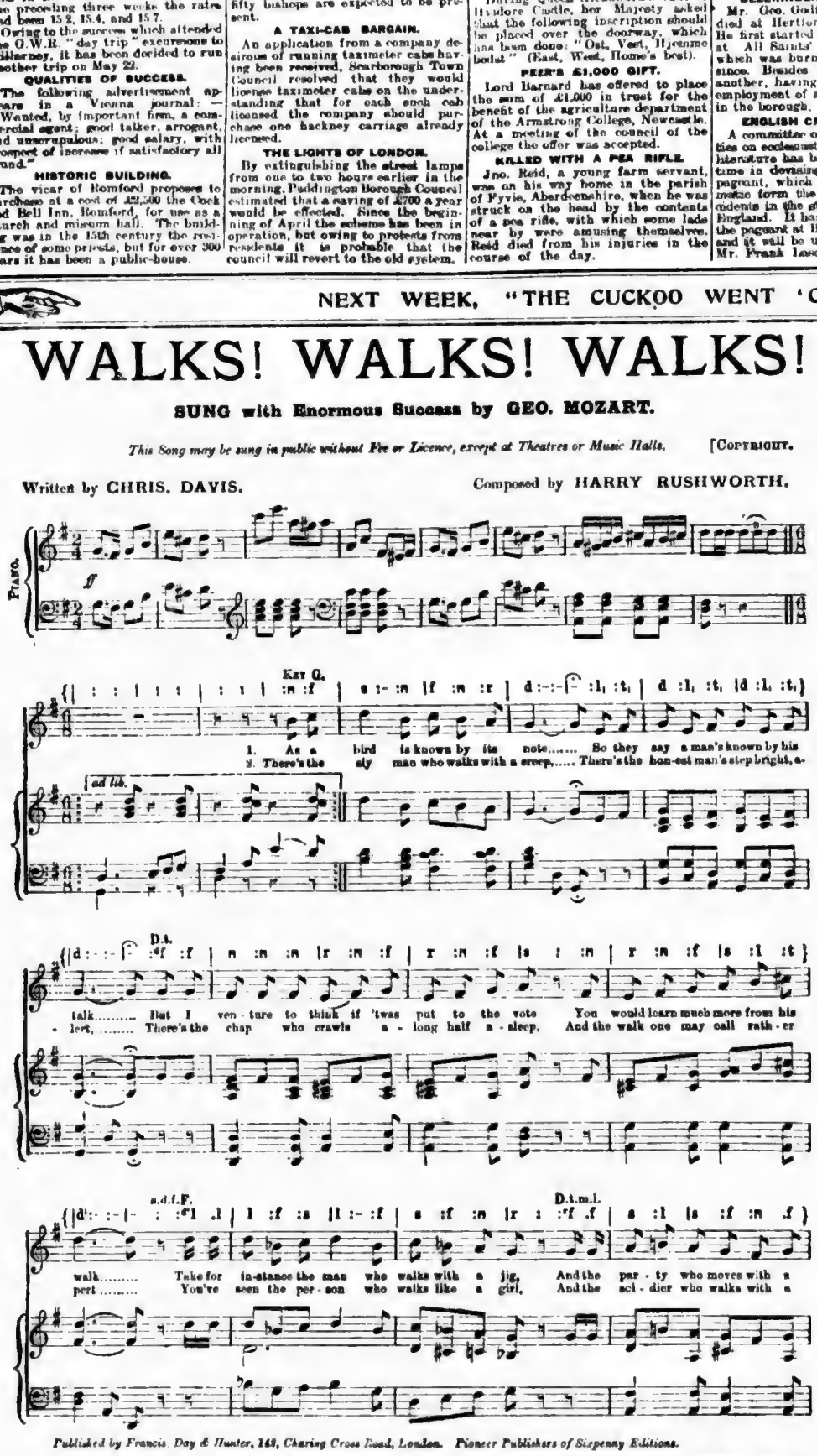

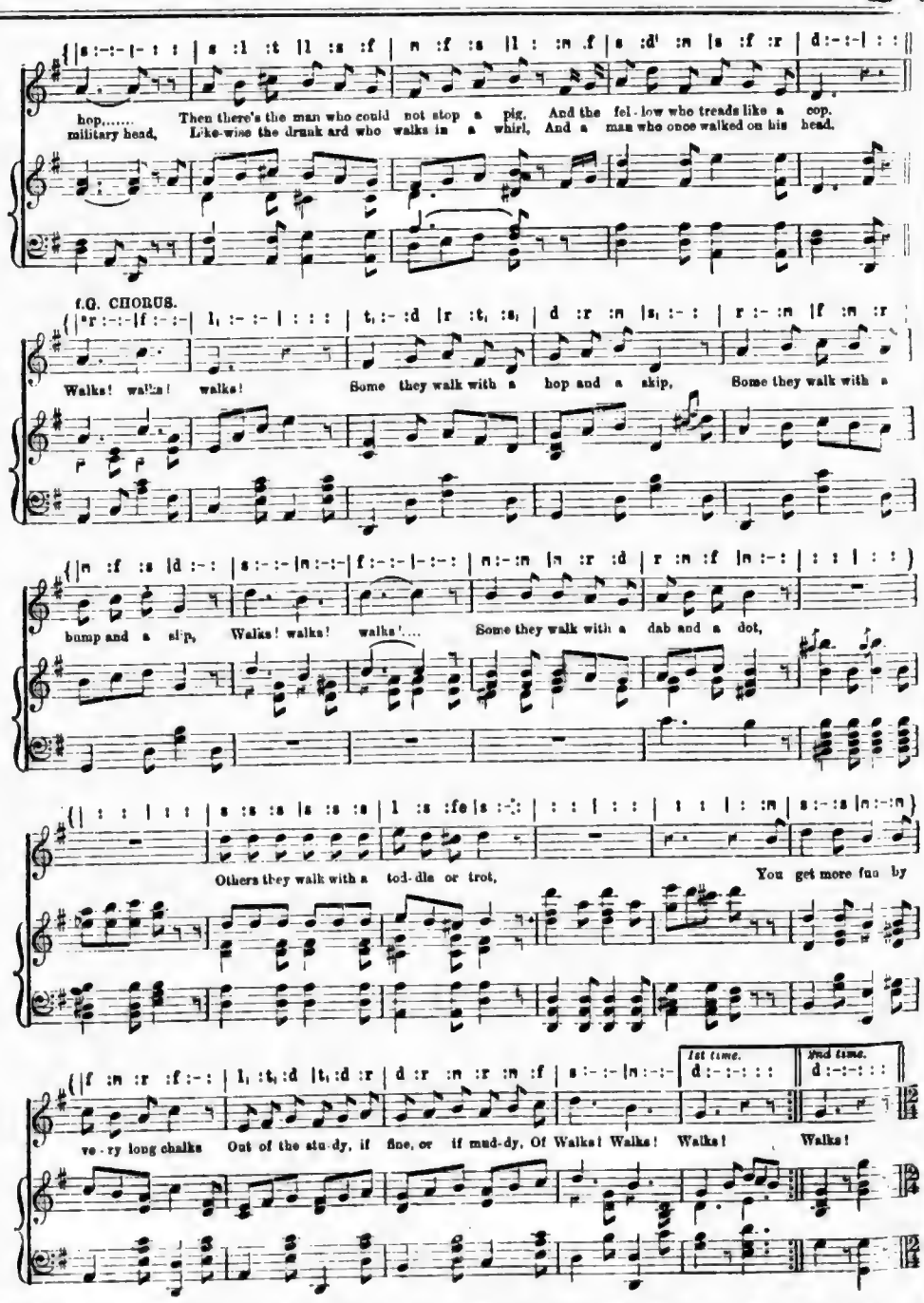

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PATTER.

Of course, there are various sorts of walks, and of course you know we've all been born with a different set of legs. Despite these facts, sometimes the legs get mixed up as it were.

My legs are known as number four sized, yes, number fours. Now, when a man has a pair of legs which are only number four in size, he should never trot out with a girl whose legs are number eights. You see there's not so much stretch in a pair of number fours as there is in a pair of number eights.

Despite the fact that my legs are only number fours, I once had the temerity, ahem! recently, to walk a maid round the block whose legs were number tens. What were the consequences? Why! while she was covering three yards of pavement in one step with her number tens (imitates long step of a big woman), my number fours were going at over double the speed of her number tens (imitates a number of rapid little steps as of a short man trying to keep up with a tall woman). "Well, what was the result?" Again I ask the question, "Well, what was the result?" Why, she walked along as though she was chief mourner at a funeral, whilst I looked as though I was running to catch a train; then, to make things worse, some dirty little boy shouted out, "Hi! mum, why don't you pick up your little boy and carry him? Can't you see he's tired?"

Then you have old Snuffkins; he walks like this: three steps forward (takes three steps forward), and then he takes three steps backward (takes three steps backwards, then repeats backward and forward movement ad lib). This worries all old Snuffkins's friends, for they don't know whether "he's going to" or "coming from."

Here's another pattern of walk. Here's young Mr. Acidrop going to meet his Amelia (gives imitation of young man hurrying along, pushing everybody aside). Get out of the way! Don't shove! Can't stop, old man (shakes hands with imaginary man). In a hurry, do I want wages (gives picture of fussy middle-aged lady hurrying along to meet her husband), and here's Mr Acidrop hurrying along to meet her (gives imitation of man crawling along at a snail-like pace).

Then there's Amelia going to meet young Mr. Acidrop. "Is my hat on straight, dear? Thanks, love (pretends to kiss another girl). No! not dear, I can't really stop; what did you say was coming down? Well let it. What! of course I'm going to meet Mr Acidrop. What did you call him a 'silly thing?' (Aside: Silly enough not to have you, you harvest-house-headed-ost)." Here she is, some years later as a married woman, going to take her husband home on Saturday and see he don't spend his wages (gives picture of fussy middle-aged lady hurrying along to meet her husband), and here's Mr Acidrop hurrying along to meet her (gives imitation of man crawling along at a snail-like pace).

Then there's Mr Bluggs. You must all know Bluggs. He has a wife, and, naturally, a lot of trouble. Sometimes the trouble is in a barrel, sometimes in a bottle. This affects his walk. Bluggs says it doesn't, it's his weak ankle which really causes him to make "S's" on the pavement.

I'll give you an imitation of Bluggs coming home from the annual smoking concert of the Ancient and Antediluvian Order of Elephants' Tusks, when his ankle is extra bad.

But Bluggs, as I said before, has his troubles. Poor old Bluggs! he's got a wife. She's a big woman, and you may says she's two wives rolled into one, there's such a lot of her.

This is Bluggs coming home after an evening out with the wine well in. Says Bluggs: "Here I am! Here I am!" Nobody takes any notice of Bluggs; then he turns sorrowful and says: "And no one to welcome me! No one to hang out the banners on the ramparts of the castle!" Then Bluggs grows indignant after ringing the bell sixteen times and nearly wrenching the knocker off, and he begins to shout "Hi! can't you see I'm here? What! I can stop where I am, I shan't, so there." Then he softens a bit "Come down, darling, come, my pet lamb, my own piece of lump sugar." (Sings "Come Down And Open The Door, Love.") "What did you say? I'm ——?" Turns to audience with unsteady gait. "Now, do I look it? I ask you, do I look ——?" Then Bluggs lurches over and grows fiery. "What did you say, you old cat? I can't walk straight; I can't walk straight? Where's my bit of chalk?" Then Bluggs fetches out a bit of chalk from his pocket and tries to draw a straight line on the floor. Bluggs tries to walk along the line with disastrous effect.

(Concludes with chorus.)

ROADSIDE HORROR.

NAKED WOMAN HACKED TO DEATH.

More than one dramatic scene ked the final stage of the trial of Jefferson, the North Shields urer, at Otley, this week. Jeffer- who appears to be quite in- rent to all his surroundings, and not seem to realise the gravity his position, openly confesses his t of the murder of Mrs. Todd, so far he has not vouched any lanation as to why he committed brutal and fiendish act. In y to the magistrate's usual query whether he had anything to say, allously replied, "I did it; that's that I can say." The indifference coolness of the man is remark- and has been reflected in a very tile feeling towards him on the t of the inhabitants of Otley. at precautions had to be taken by police to prevent the people tak- the law into their own hands.

A Callous Prisoner.

Prisoner is only 21 years of age, and ks younger. He has a round, boy- countenance, with fair hair and very slight moustache. He was ring a black coat and trousers, d had a spotted handkerchief ound his neck. He took little in- t in the proceedings, and at times med quite indifferent. The only time he exhibited any feeling what- er was when the story was told of how he had "given away" his bro- ther when the pair of them had obbed a gas meter. On P.S. Cooke oing into these details prisoner flushed crimson, and moved uneasily the dock.—The first witness was Jno. Thos. Todd, the husband of the murdered woman. He was clearly deeply affected, and it was only with the utmost difficulty that he ould relate how he identified the be- ngs of his wife—including her brella—at the police station. His mory failed now and again, and the close he sank back into his apparently exhausted.

Husband Swoons.

When Mr. Hellewell went on to tell what condition he found the body the dead woman, Mr. Todd swooned away, and, with his hands up to his head, he had to be carried out of court by two stalwart police- men. Restoratives were adminis- tered in the police office, and he later recovered sufficiently to be able to re- turn into court and to sign the de- positions, but he looked very ill, and appeared to feel very keenly the pain- ful circumstances. Mr. Hellewell had just replied to two questions when Mr. Todd swooned. These were:—What was the man doing when you first saw him? He was arving the head off the body.—How ar had he got? He was just finish- ng cutting the head off.—After Mr. odd had been carried out of court, r. Hellewell went on to describe

The Terrible Details

the tragedy, which have already en fully reported.—Geo. Bowman, ho, along with Mr. Hellewell and a an named Westerman, returned to pprehend prisoner, also stated that e man was hacking at the body, and ey called to him to put down the nife. They threatened him with a owbar, and he pitched the knife ay. Immediately afterwards he icked up the dead woman's corsets, mbrella, and hat, saying that he ld get 7s. 6d. for the umbrella, 6d. for the corsets, and 1s. for the . The man's hands, face, and rt sleeves were covered with blood. y held him until the arrival of police.—P.S. Cooke stated that in ly to the charge prisoner then d, "I don't know what made me it." On the way to the police- ion prisoner also volunteered an- r statement. He said, "I gave own brother away. We broke a house and robbed the gas r. I told the police of him, and as locked up. I have written im, but I do not think he has en me."

"I Did It."

e added that he had again et the man that morning, when plied, "I did it, that's all that say."—After Dr. Butler had cribed the terrible character of woman's wounds, the name of n Wm. Gray was called as the t witness, but there was no re- nse. It is understood that this was man to whom the knife belonged. Prisoner was then formally rged, and in reply said, "I have thing to say; I did it, that's all it I can say." This statement was itten down, and read out to pris- er.—The chairman asked him if it s correct.—"Yes, quite correct," replied.—"Will you sign it?" d the Chairman.—"Yes, I'll sign said Jefferson, and with a firm nd he affixed his signature.—The positions were then read over, and soner committed to take his trial the next Leeds Assizes.

A POKER MYSTERY.

SERVANT SUES MASTER FOR LIBEL.

The sentimental value attaching to a poker formed the basis of an action for slander, heard before Mr. Justice Pickford at Liverpol Assizes.—Plain- tiff was a young woman named Ellen Ferguson, who sought damages from Jno. Pearce Jones, of Birkenhead, at whose house she acted as a domestic servant. A poker was missed from defendant's house. For family reasons he valued it highly, and plaintiff's case was that he wrongly accused her of stealing it. A detective, it was stated, was brought to the house, and asked her what had become of the poker? She said she knew nothing about it, whereupon the officer said, "Well, if it is found at your mother's house you will have to go to prison." After the departure of the officer she was

Summarily Dismissed.

On this her mother was called in, and to her defendant said, "I don't require her services any longer; the fact of the matter is, there is a poker missing, and neither Mrs. Jones nor I can find it." Mrs. Ferguson asked him if he accused his daughter of stealing it, to which he replied, "I accuse no one, but there is such a thing as spite, and people giving things through the door." Two days later defendant went to plaintiff's former employer, and, in speaking of plaintiff, said, "She has stolen a poker to which I attach considerable value." After plaintiff had left the house the poker was found under a fender, and defendant's comment on this was, "Yes, the girl has planted it there." Considerable amusement was caused by Mr. Rigby Swift's cross-examination of the defendant as to the sentimental value attached to the poker. "It belonged, didn't it," remarked counsel, "to defendant's ancestors?"—His Lordship: Has it the family arms on it? (Laughter.)

No Pecuniary Value.

—Mr. Rigby Swift: No, my lord, it has not even got that. There is no outward sign to account for the affec- tion Mr. Jones had for it. (Laughter.) —Defendant said there was no pecu- niary value in the poker, but it had been in the possession of his family for a hundred years.—Defendant said he never believed plaintiff had stolen the poker. His idea all along was that she had hidden it, out of spite. —His lordship said it was a pity some common sense had not been exercised, because if such had been the case the court would have been spared the history and mystery of a poker. (Laughter.)—The jury re- turned a verdict for plaintiff for £5, and expressed the opinion that the case ought not to have been brought into court.

POLITICAL MARKSMEN.

INTERESTING MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST.

At the London Miniature Rifle League's ranges, Lavington-street, Southwark, the final contest for the Sir Herbert Mackworth-Praed Chal- lenge Trophy was decided this week. For this competition, 60 teams, each of four members, from Conservative and Unionist clubs throughout the country affiliated to the Associa tion of Conservative Clubs, en-

THE DOVER CARLTON CLUB REPRESENTATIVES. INSET IS THE MACKWORTH-PRAED TROPHY.
[Photo, London News Agency.

tered. Those left in the final were the Dover-Carlton Club and the Ebbw Vale Conservative Club teams. The targets were of the approved type, the range 25 yards, the number of shots ten each deliberate, and ten in rapid firing—in all twenty rounds. In the arrangement for firing after the trial shots, men drawn from the respective teams shot in pairs. Be- fore the first double couple—two from Dover and two from Ebbw Vale—had completed their deliberate rounds, the men of Kent had secured a sub- stantial lead. This was improved upon by the next half of the team. On the completion of the deliberate firing the scores stood: Dover-Carl- ton, 335; Ebbw Vale 276 points. In the rapid firing—ten shots to be dis- charged in 90 seconds—the men of Kent again shot better than their opponents, the scores being: Dover, 329; Ebbw Vale, 184. The totals were:

Dover-Carlton Club (winners) ..	664
Ebbw Vale Conservative Club ..	460

The trophy passes to the Dover- Carlton Club, and medals are awarded to the members of both teams in the final. The cup and medals will be presented by the Duke of Rutland at the annual meeting of the Association, which will be held next Friday at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street.

GREAT STRIKE ENDED.

Odessa, Saturday.—After a strike which has lasted over three months 10,000 men employed at the Mirsoeff Petroleum Works at Balakhani re- sumed work to-day under the old con- ditions. It is announced that there is every reason to believe that a definite settlement of the various disputes in the naptha and allied industries in the Caucasus will be arrived at in the immediate future—a settlement in which the British companies are ex- pected to concur.—Central News.

BROTHER'S CRIME.

TREACHERY LEADS TO DOUBLE MURDER.

The tale of a brother's treachery and of an ocean wedding which led to a double murder is related in the Brazilian newspapers to hand by the last mail. After having been engaged for three years to a charming Lisbon girl, named Maria de Figueira, a

JOAO MARQUES.

young Portuguese, named Joao Mar- ques, set out for Rio de Janeiro in the hope of bettering his fortunes. Soon he obtained a lucrative appoint- ment, enabling him to fulfil his long- cherished design of marrying his fiancée. But Maria refused to travel alone, and so Marques telegraphed to his younger brother, José, a penniless ne'er-do-well, to bring her out, as he could provide also for him. José and Maria started. Thrown entirely upon

MARIA DE FIGUEIRA.

one another's society under the glamour and romance of the At- lantic's starlit skies, the young scapegrace forgot the obligations of gratitude, and the pretty, warm- blooded maid her plighted troth. A day before the steamer reached Rio they were married by a Roman Catholic priest, who was among the passengers. Afraid to face his brother, young Marques avoided a meeting at the docks, and escaped with his wife by night to a remote part of the city. The injured brother heard of the marriage from the offi- cers of the steamer. Tracking them to their hotel, he burst into their bed-room, and, after shooting his

JOSE MARQUES.
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brother, took the same awful ven- geance on the bride. He then gave himself up to the police.

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THE ROYAL OPERA.

PARTICULARS OF THE GALA PERFORMANCE.

By command of the King, a gala performance will be given at Covent Garden on Wednesday, May 27, at which their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra and the President of the French Re- public will be present. Although the King returned to London only a few days ago, the arrangements for the gala have already been completed, and have obtained his Majesty's sanc- tion. In order to do honour to the President of the French Republic se- lections from French operas have been chosen for representation, namely, the first act of Bizet's early work, "Pescatori di Perle" ("The Pearl Fishers"), which, though it is to be placed again during the present season in the Royal Opera repertory, has not been heard at Covent Garden for many years, and the second act—the garden scene—from Gounod's "Faust." Owing to circumstances, these two extracts will be

Sung in Italian,

since the difficulties of maintaining in London both a French an Italian chorus are too great to be lightly undertaken. The performance will begin at 9.30, but the public are re- quested to be seated half an hour earlier, as usual on these occasions, in order to facilitate the efforts of the police in the regulation of the street traffic, and for their benefit the five doors which open on to Floral-st., on the north side of the Opera House, will be available, the main entrance being reserved, of course, for the King and his invited guests. In the vesti- bule and also in the house itself pic- turesque Beefeaters will be on duty, while drawn up in front of the build- ing in Bow-st. detachments of the Guards Brigade are to be stationed. Between the operas there will be an interval of 25 minutes, the final cur- tain being timed to fall at 11.15.

Melba to Reappear.

A particularly noteworthy incident in connection with the gala is the num- ber of English-speaking artists engaged. Pride of place among them belongs, naturally, to Mme Melba, who will sing once more Marguerite's rôle in "Faust," Siebel being repre- sented by Miss Hatchard and Martha by Miss Edna Thornton, while Mr. John McCormack is cast for Nadir in Bizet's opera. As Leila in the latter work Mme. Tetrazzini will appear, and thus those fortunate enough to be present will have the opportunity of hearing in one evening two of the foremost operatic singers of the time. Mr. Sammarco will be Zuniga and Mr. Marcoux Nurabad in the same opera, while Mr. Zenatello is to play Faust and Mr. Journet Mephistopheles in Gounod's evergreen work. Mr. Campanini will direct both performances. On such occasions as these, which have in a sense a

Historical Significance,

the scheme of decorations is of much importance, and having regard to the comparative frequence of gala per- formances the authorities must have found it no very easy matter to in- vent a scheme at once quite new, yet effective and beautiful to the eye. That they have succeeded is, there- fore, all the more to their credit. The main colouring, focussed, as it were upon the Royal box, will range from deepest crimson to pale pink rose, and in order that this may be exhibited to the best advantage, the grand tier boxes which flank the Royal box, or, rather the boxes as- signed to the Diplomatic Corps and the members of his Majesty's Minis- try, which are contiguous to the Royal box, and the remainder of the house to the top tier, will be draped in these colours, the deeper crimson beginning and ending the scheme on either side of the house, fading to pale pink in the middle of each side. As usual, the Royal box is to con-

Sowers of Roses and Orchids

will deck the walls of the house, and in the centre of the proscenium, which will be festooned with roses, there will be a medallion with the letter "E," surmounted by an Im- perial crown; and in addition to such emblems as the Royal monogram "E" and the "R.F." of the French Re- public, the Union Jack and the Tri- colour, intertwined, will add definite point to the scheme. Deep crimson plush curtains, with gold hangings, will be the main decoration of the Royal box, with flags and festoons as orchids and rare foliage. Besides the six boxes, which together form the Royal box, and the four on either side of it for diplomats and Ministers, two boxes on the pit tier have also been reserved for the Royal party, to- gether with about one third of the stalls. It will be seen from this that early application is necessary for those desirous of witnessing what promises to be a scene of exceptional brilliance, derived from the scheme of decorations, the jewels of the ladies, and the uniforms of the men.

IN THE OLDEN STYLE.

MUSIC-HALL ARTIST WINS £100 BET.

Folks in Regent-st. opened their eyes in wonder yesterday afternoon, when a lady dressed in the fashion of her grandmother alighted from a smart turn-out to do some shopping. She was wearing a dress of the early Victorian period complete in every detail down to the spring bustle, white cotton stockings, and elastic

MISS MILLY PAYNE.
[Photo, Hallmarks

side boots. It was Miss Milly Payne, a music-hall artist, who had been challenged to go out in public wear- ing the dress mentioned above. By her performance Miss Payne wins a wager of £100, which she is giving to charity. Miss Payne intended to pay a visit to the Franco-British Exhibi- tion, but being unable to get through the turnstile without crushing her dress, she had to come away.

TEACHER AND GIRLS.

SCHOOLMASTER SENT TO PRISON.

Yesterday, Wm. Close, aged 57, a schoolmaster at Abram, was in- dicted, at the Liverpool Assizes, for having committed a series of assaults on school girls.—Coun- sel for the prosecution stated that there were ten counts in the in- dictment, charging accused with offences against six girls, all of them under the age of 13. With regard to four of the counts, they were merely variation of dates having reference to offences against one or other of the same girls. Prisoner was until March 7 a master at St. John's School, Abram, and the class which he took consisted of the boys and girls of standard 5. The girls were all either 11 or 12 years of age. Most of the alleged assaults occurred in the class-room at prisoner's desk while lessons were proceeding, but in two cases they took place in the cloak- room adjoining. Prisoner, it was alleged, called the girls out of the class to have their exercises cor- rected. On one occasion he had called one of the girls in from the play- ground, and in another instance he had kissed a girl and called her

His Little Sweetheart.

After one of the offences he had asked the girl not to tell anybody or he would be sent to prison. Complaints having reached the head master, Mr. Winfield, on Saturday, March 7, he consulted the vicar, the Rev. T. F. B. Twemlow, who wrote a letter to pri- soner, making an appointment to see him at his own house the same even- ing. In the meantime prisoner saw the head master, and said, "Tell me, old chap, what does the vicar want?" Mr. Winfield replied that he would rather not say. When the vicar called at the hour he had mentioned, prisoner was not there. On the fol- lowing Monday prisoner was absent from his class, and was in fact not seen at the school. A warrant was issued against him, and he was apprehended at Manchester on March 17.—The girls, their mothers, and several other witnesses were called in support of the case for the prosecu tion.—Mr. Winfield, the head master, stated, in cross-examination, that two years ago prisoner had instituted

An Action for Slander,

which was subsequently settled. The action was a matter of contention throughout the village, which was practically divided into two camps— one for and one against Close. There was the same sharp division of feel- ing in regard to Close existing to-day.

Mr. Riley, for the defence, empha- sised the difficulty which was always experienced in disputed cases in which child witnesses figured. Cases of conspiracy against a man were not unknown, and children, who were naturally imitative of their elders, had often played an important and damaging part in campaigns of un- truthfulness and deceit. The disap- pearance of prisoner after the re- ceipt of the vicar's letter was not due to a desire to escape a criminal charge, said counsel. He had no idea that these accusations were to be made against him. He had got into financial trouble, and he foolishly disappeared because he thought that this matter had been communicated to the vicar.—Prisoner gave evidence on his own behalf, and denied that he had ever been guilty of impro- priety with any of the girls. The evidence given by the school children was a pack of lies from beginning to end.—The jury found a verdict of guilty.

The Quality of Mercy.

Prisoner appealed to his lordship to deal with him mercifully. "I need not remind your lordship," he said, "that the quality of mercy is twice blessed—it blesseth him that gives and him that takes."—His lordship said that after a very careful investi- gation the jury had returned a just and discriminating verdict convicting prisoner of offences of an inconceiv- ably gross character on little girls, whose minds he might or might not have corrupted. He must go to prison for 12 months with hard labour.—Pri- soner left the dock protesting his in- nocence.

THE SUFFRAGETTES.

GREEN, WHITE, AND PURPLE TO BE THEIR COLOURS.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence announced at the Women's Social and Political Union "At Home" at the Portman Rooms that the Union had now adopted colours so as to avoid con- fusing with other parties at by-elec- tions. A tricolour of green, white and purple had been chosen. She re- commended ladies to wear the colours as hat-bands, waist belts and ties, or to wear small badges of those colours with "Votes for Women" woven on the white strip. She also announced that the suffragette paper: "Votes for Women" was to be issued shortly in revised form as a penny weekly. In appealing for a special fund for the expenses of the Hyde Park demonstration, she said that the cost would be between £2,000 and £3,000. There would be seven processions, which would enter at different gates, and the police were to clear a space a quarter of a mile square for the demonstration.

FIVE YEARS' SUICIDES.

At the City Court, Dr. F. J. Waldo, the coroner, remarked that suicides in England and Wales fluctuated in year by year, sometimes to a very marked degree. The figures for the past five years would suffice to show this, and were as follows:—

	England and Wales.	London
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In 1904	5,345	517
In 1905	5,587	518
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THE LONDON ROUNDABOUT.

XII.—EXTRA TURNS.

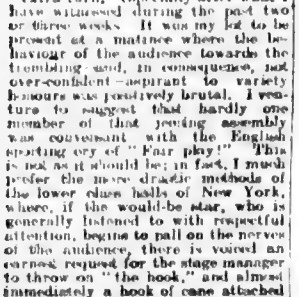
By CHRIS.

Every one of us, man or woman, has fallen at some time or the other beneath the glamour of the footlights, and fancied himself as an Irving or a second Shakespeare. If every man has not written a play, he at least has thought he could do it equally as well, if not better, than any of our leading playwrights. The same applies to acting; even the most modest of our playgoers have at periods of effervescent self-confidence fancied themselves equal to an Ellen Terry or a George Alexander. However, despite the legitimate attractions of the stage proper, it is its more cosmopolitan and bigger relative, the music-hall stage, which draws the larger crowd of would-be Dan Lenos and Harry Lauders, and produces those individual tragedies known as extra turns.

I may at once state that my sympathy on the whole leans towards the "extra turn," especially after what I have witnessed during the past two or three weeks. It was my lot to be present at a matinee where the behaviour of the audience towards the trembling soul, in consequence, not over-confident—aspirant to variety honours was positively brutal. I venture to suggest that hardly one member of that jeering assembly was conversant with the English sporting cry of "Fair play!" This is not as it should be; in fact, I much prefer the more dractic methods of the lower class halls of New York, where, if the would-be star, who is generally listened to with respectful attention, begins to pall on the nerves of the audience, there is voiced an earnest request for the stage manager to throw on "the hook," and almost immediately a hook of cane attached to a rope is thrown round the surprised singer, and he is hitched off the stage at lightning speed.

At times the interpolations of the Cockney audiences are really funny. I was at a matinee when a slim lady, with a voice to match, appeared, clad in white satin. She sang in a consumptive, canary-sort of voice about some love trouble which greatly disturbed her heart and bosom. She grew so plaintive over it that a small boy in the gallery, whose sympathy was stirred to its depths, feelingly inquired, during a pause in the song, "Ain't you well?"

Ain't you well?



Fetch the Hook!

Sometimes the budding artist who has failed and the audience are in full agreement over the matter. For instance, I knew a young man of independent means who some few years ago was always hanging round the bar of the old Royal Music-hall and begging for a trial turn at one of their popular matinees. One afternoon, to our intense astonishment, he appeared on the stage clad in military uniform, begirded with a most formidable cavalry sword, which would rattle and slide out of its scabbard every moment, and when not engaged in this disconcerting occupation it wilfully and diabolically tried to curl round the young fellow's ankles with the fell intention of tripping him up. His spurs, of extra large pattern, acted as two attendant demons on the malevolently active blade. A burst of generous applause greeted the appearance of his accoutrements. Then, bowing to the audience like a step-ladder with a pain in its back, he started on that moss-grown favourite of the reciter, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." He charged along the first verse all right, but at the finish of his second, he mixed up his artillery, and forgot where his guns were placed. He thoughtfully scratched the back of his head, and there was the customary pause. It was broken by a man with a careworn and meditative face, who leant over the edge of the circle. "Get off!" he said, in a weary voice. "Thank you," promptly answered the reciter of Tennyson's immortal poem. "I will. Gentlemen, good afternoon." And, packing his decorative iron-work under his arm, he gracefully disappeared for ever from the music-hall stage.

I well recollect a particular and somewhat popular music-hall agent once inviting me, with one or two others, to another matinee at the same hall. It was for the purpose of noticing one of those harmonious picnics in which a number of gentlemen of odd sizes and whiskers who are more or less in possession of a voice, bunch themselves up under such typical names as "The Six Clinking Blacksmiths," "The Eight Harmonious Organ Grinders," "The Ten Buzzing Bees," or "The Twelve Syrups with Treacle Voices." As far as my memory serves me, his troupe were known to fame as "The Nine Tuneful Throatles." We foregathered—the agent, another Pressman (a firm believer in the Royal's Old Port), and myself. In those days everybody met in the bar on a level with the stage, and at these particular matinees kept up an animated and a noisy discussion on stage matters. On this occasion the agent, moved by business enthusiasm, and the other Pressman, moved by "Old Port," immured themselves in the throes of a heated argument, and so interesting was the subject that when a larger volume of sound than usual rose from the stage and interrupted the flow of reason, the agent, growing vexed, said, "Hang those fellows on the stage; they make such a noise that one can't hear himself speak." It was his own turn. It was too late to rectify matters, and "The Nine Tuneful Throatles" dissolved into nothingness.

Unfortunately, the stage manager and the musical conductor, as a rule, share between them a mighty and overwhelming contempt for the extra turn. Probably they grow like it, for when one considers that the successful percentage is hardly one in a

Wot about our rosin?

The Charge of the Light Brigade.

hundred of the ever-swelling army of spluttering geniuses, there is perhaps some excuse for them. It is not as it should be, and it must always be remembered that patience brings its own reward.

This attitude of the stage manager was forcibly brought home to me the other evening when I was behind the scenes of a popular hall (it was at one time the home of classic drama), when a fairy-like lady, clad in a pink gauze skirt and tights (she was an extra turn) pushed past me to rub her feet in the resin-box. (A note to the uninitiated: A square tablet of wood with edges to it, in which reposed powdered resin, which the dancers put their feet on to prevent slipping when performing a more than usually difficult pas-de-seul.) I think she had visited the resin-box during my wait of an hour about sixty times before she voiced her indignation aloud. "Look, 'ere," she said, addressing the stage-manager, who rejoiced in a vacant expression, with a pair of ears generally designated when they adorn rabbits as "flopped," "when ham I agoing on. That's wot I want to know. Do you recognise that I've been 'ere two 'ours an' a 'arf, and that you've been a-wastin' of my time." A wave of supreme indignation surged through the frame of the trembling stage manager, then burst in the apple of his sinewy throat. "Wastin' your time, eh! Wot about our bloomin' rosin?"

I still, however, stand by my first opinion that the extra turn should have a fair chance. Many a promising man and woman have given a show on the assurance that certain influential agents and managers would be present. In nine cases out of ten most of the influential ones have been absent. To these gentlemen I commend the example of Mr. Oswald Stoll. Wherever the show may be, however humble it is, in the case of the halls he almost invariably makes it a rule to sit out the whole of the show and take notes thereon. I don't say he has discovered any remarkable genius up to the present, but he has assiduously fostered anybody who has shown anything like a gift for the stage. I must give my straight opinion on one subject: the bulk of the members of the legitimate stage have quite failed to obtain a firm footing on the variety boards. The reason is that variety talent must be of a spontaneous and concise character, and my contention is that it will only be found amongst those whose sole ambition is to score off their own bat. Therefore, I conclude this roundabout paper with a plea for the fair hearing of the "extra turn."

RUSKIN PARK EXTENSION.

The Bishop of Southwark headed a deputation, which waited on the Camberwell Borough Council, in support of the scheme to obtain twelve acres of land adjoining Ruskin Park for use as a playing-field at a cost of £24,000. Of this amount £19,250 has already been subscribed. A joint meeting of the Works Committee and the General Purposes Committee of the Camberwell Borough Council recommended that £1,000 should be contributed. It was in support of this recommendation that the Bishop's deputation appeared. In opposition, the Camberwell Municipal Association sent a deputation, for whom Mr. Priest, the secretary, was the spokesman. A long discussion followed, but eventually the recommendation to subscribe £1,000 was, on a division, carried by five votes.

DIVORCE COURT.

A CURATE'S WIFE'S SAD STORY.

Acts of cruelty were alleged against the Rev. Edwd. Champion Wade Hannan, by his wife, Mrs. Mary Baily Hannan, who asked for a judicial separation from him. There was no defence. In stating the case for Mrs. Hannan, Mr. Willock said that the parties were married in 1888 at St. Stephen's Church, Upper Mount-st., Dublin. Respondent was a clergyman of the Church of England. At the time of the marriage he held a curacy in Dublin, and since that time had held livings in England, but he squandered what money he had. He went from place to place, and ran into debt. Later he gave up the Church for a short period, and went in for journalism. He took to drink, and for some while his conduct was terrible towards his wife. Then for a time he gave up drink, and later, returning to the Church, had to give up one curacy after another owing to getting into debt and the bailiffs being put into the house. Dr. Horlocks, of Brook-st., Sloane-square, said petitioner was suffering from complete nervous breakdown, owing to the treatment she had received.

"Insane With Drink."

Mrs. Hannan, in her evidence, said that during the whole of her married life her husband's conduct had been very cruel. Before the marriage her relatives paid off his debts. In 1896 he left her with her parents and went to London, and when she rejoined him she found he had become very dissipated, and had given way to drink. On one occasion, while they were living at Albert Mansions, Battersea Park, respondent locked himself in the room with her and attempted to strangle himself. Sometimes he was quite insane with drink, and in 1898 was arrested for fighting with the police. More than once he held the child over the fire.—Mr. Willock: What did you do?—Petitioner: I did not dare to interfere, in case he should drop the boy into the fire. Continuing, petitioner said that while at Albert Mansions she was often

Without Food and Firing.

In 1901 Mr. Hannan obtained a curacy, but forfeited it through debt. Some time later they returned to Ireland, and while there she had to undergo an operation, after which her husband was very violent, and she went into her sister's room in a fainting condition. In 1906 they again came to London and lived in Torrington-sq. While there, respondent once more took to drink, and witness frequently had to escape from the bedroom. One night he returned home very late in a state of intoxication. Their child was ill at the time, and respondent tried to get into the boy's bed. Witness prevented him, and he was very violent and abusive. When under the influence of drink he had wrongfully accused her of trying to kill the child.—Miss Sarah Adair, petitioner's sister corroborated the statements as to respondent's cruelty.—His lordship granted Mrs. Hannan a judicial separation, with costs, and the custody of the child.

WIFE'S DECEPTION.

Magistrate Awarded £250 Damages.

Mr. Arthur Campbell Irons, a resident magistrate in Southern Nigeria, asked for a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Mary Hannah Irons, who was described as an actress, on account of her misconduct with Mr. Stephen Newcombe Valentine. The wife did not appear, and Mr. Bayford, who represented co-respondent, stated that he could not put his client into the box to deny the charge. Damages were agreed at £250.—Mr. Willis, for petitioner, said that the parties were married on May 23, 1906, at St. Giles's Registry Office, and on June 16 Mr. Irons had to go back to take up his duties as resident magistrate in Southern Nigeria. From that time he had not lived with his wife. Before the marriage Mrs. Irons was on the stage, but the husband thought it better for her to give up her profession, and arranged to allow her £8 a month while he was away.

RETURN TO THE STAGE

In August, 1906, he heard from his wife that she had taken a part in the play called "Veronique." He replied that he was very disappointed and annoyed, but that he could not ask her to break her contract, though she must not go on the stage any more after it was concluded. In 1907 he heard from her that she absolutely refused to give up the stage. It appeared that she made the acquaintance of co-respondent at her mother's home in Portsdown-rd., Maida Vale. When the husband came home on Jan. 23 last he found that the respondent was not at her mother's. Eventually he traced her, and discovered that she was living with the co-respondent at Unwin-mansions, Queen's Club Gardens.

A TAMIL BOY'S EVIDENCE

—Mr. Irons having given evidence, Tolonto, a servant of the co-respondent was called. He said he was a Tamil, and a difficulty arose about swearing him.—His lordship suggested that as petitioner was a magistrate he should swear the witness.—Mr. Irons asked in what form he would swear, and Tolonto replied that he would take the oath on the Koran. No Koran, however, is kept in the High Court, and there was another hitch in the proceedings. Eventually his lordship solved the difficulty by directing that the Tamil boy should affirm in the ordinary way with uplifted hand.—Jos. McKenna, a private detective, who served the divorce papers on respondent and co-respondent, told the Court that Mr. Valentine said to him, referring to Mrs. Irons, "She is an actress. She is my wife, and she is always going to be my wife. I am no cad, though there are some."

£250 DAMAGES.

—Mr. Irons was recalled to prove that co-respondent admitted knowing that Mrs. Irons was a married woman. His wife's stage name, he said, was Jennie Cristoe.—His lordship granted the petitioner a decree nisi with costs, and the jury assessed the damages at the sum agreed upon.—It was arranged that the £250 damages should be paid at the rate of £10 a month.

WOMAN OF DEATH.

LAPORTE MURDER STORIES.

FARM MAN'S CONFESSION.

The American Press continues to regale its readers with columns and columns of ghastly details concerning the Laporte murders, and the said public continues to ask for more. The farm of the murderous Mrs. Guinness resembles a gigantic fair, says one writer, people flocking from all parts to view the scene of so many cold-blooded crimes. The main outlines of this terrible affair were fully reported in "The People" last week. It is now stated that Roy Lamphere, the arrested foreman, in a frantic effort to clear himself of the charge of taking part in the murders, has confessed that he caught Mrs. Belle Guinness red-handed in the act of burying the dismembered body of Andrew Heldgren, her last suitor and victim, by lantern-light in her "private graveyard." The confession of the farm hand is reported to be as follows: "Mrs. Guinness sent me late in the afternoon of Jan. 14 to meet her cousin, Mr. Moo, of Chicago, who, she said, was coming to visit her. She told me that if Mr. Moo did not come I was to stay all night and meet him next day. I thought there was something due to 'come off' at the farm that night. I met the train at Michigan City, but there was no Mr. Moo in it. I knew then that Mrs. Guinness had concocted the story of Mr. Moo to

MRS. BELLE GUINESS.

get me out of the way. So I returned to Laporte, and toward midnight went out to the farm.

Caught Red-Handed.

I drove to the barn by the lane beyond the house. There were three inches of snow on the ground, and Mrs. Guinness did not hear me coming. The barn is in a hollow, and she could not see me. After I had put the horse in the stable I walked up the hill and into the yard. As I approached the back porch I saw fresh footprints in the snow. I looked in the direction they led and saw a light out on the side of the hill near the woodshed. I thought at first it was a will-o'-the'-wisp. I looked closer and saw it was the light of a lantern. In the yellow shine of the lantern I saw Mrs. Guinness bending over. I walked up by the wire fence of the yard and saw she was sprinkling lime on a dead body. She looked up suddenly and saw me. 'Good heaven,' she cried, 'I thought you were a ghost.' I said nothing, but stepped through the gate and saw Heldgren's face staring up at me from the grave. The body was in a gunny sack, and the arms and legs had been tramped in upon it. I helped Mrs. Guiness to fill up the hole. From that night I had her in my power."

Some of Her Victims.

Mr. John O. Moo, the "cousin" mentioned in Lamphere's confession, was evidently another victim of Mrs. Guiness's murderous matrimonial wiles. He replied to her advertisement in December, 1906, and visited her farm. While there he drew out £220 from the First National Bank of Laporte. Since then his friends had not heard of him. He disappeared completely, as did Olaf Budsberg, a farmer who fell into the siren's trap in March 1907. The farmer came to the Laporte Savings Bank accompanied by Mrs. Guinness on April 6 last year, and the cashier, Mr. Buck, paid him £300. Yet another murdered suitor was Olaf Lindboe, a young Norwegian farm-hand whom Mrs. Guiness inveigled to the farm four years ago by the promise of high wages and the gift of her hand. Mr. Thorwald Lindboe has just returned to Laporte, and states that though he cannot identify the body of his brother he knows he was killed. Olaf Lindboe, he says, was a high-spirited man of 32, a good dancer and musician. The disappearance of two more suitors, named Egman and Osage, has been reported to the police. The men went to Laporte with £600 and £400 in their pockets respectively, and have never been seen since.

Is Mrs. Guiness Dead?

Since the arrest of Mrs. Herron, on the grounds that she resembled Mrs. Guiness, the police have been more extremely careful, and so far, at least, no more ladies have been dragged out of sleeping-cars on special trains and hastily bundled to the nearest station. But demented persons are surrendering themselves on the ground that they are responsible for the murders now being investigated. The desks of the Chief of Police at Laporte absolutely groaned beneath the weight of inquiries from people in search of missing relatives. After careful sifting there seems a balance of evidence in favour of the theory that Widow Guiness paid the penalty of her fiendish murders in the fire that destroyed her charred house on the morning of April 28. Nevertheless, the local authorities are offering a reward for the apprehension of the woman.

A gentleman who wishes to be anonymous has promised a total gift of £1,000 during 1908 to the Additional Curates' Society towards the supplementary £8,000 required to avert the reduction of grants at midsummer which has been announced.

OLD LADY'S WILL.

DISPUTE AS TO A CODICIL.

In the Probate Division, before Justice Bargrave Deane and a common jury, the litigation concerning the property of the late Mrs. Marie Rebecca Bey, formerly of Brooklands, Old Trinity Hill, Jersey, was continued. Mrs. Bey died in London on Dec. 23, 1906, aged 84, leaving an estate valued about £18,000 and a will dated Aug. 15, 1900, with two codicils of Nov. 5, 1900, and Aug. 9, 1902. The earlier documents favoured her niece, Mrs. Josephine Marie Constance Ruttledge (connected with the Home for Lost and Starving Cats, Camden Town), with reversion to testatrix's nephew, Capt. Harry de Longueville and Capt. John Knox Ruttledge (Mrs. Ruttledge's husband). All these, and Mr. Le Huquet, an executor, were defendants to the action, which turned on the validity of the last codicil of Aug. 9, 1902, leaving property valued at about £10,900 to Mr. Jno. Harold Milton, a solicitor, who propounded all the documents. Only the last codicil was disputed, defendants alleging that plaintiff, Mr. Milton, had used undue influence towards old Mrs. Bey, who at the time of the execution of the codicil was mentally unsound and suffering from delusions concerning her property. Plaintiff denied the allegations made as to the last codicil, which, as a fact, was drawn up by another gentleman, a Jersey solicitor.

Mr. Barnard, K.C., and Mr. W. O. Willis were counsel for plaintiff; Mr. Clavell Salter, K.C., Mr. Woodin, and Mr. Le Bas and Mr. Grasebrook represented the different defendants.

Her Mind Wandered.

—The first witness for the defence was Mrs. Amelia Deslands, maid and companion to Mrs. Bey from August, 1899, that lady having met with the serious accident to her head during the previous year. Witness gave details of incidents connected with the household in Jersey to show that Mr. Milton had the management of everything. "Happy Hour Stories" was one of the books the old lady used to read.—Mr. Salter: Did her mind wander continually? The fall seemed to shake her very much indeed, and after her serious illness in 1902 her mind went gradually. In 1901, added witness, deceased imagined her dead husband to be still alive, and thought she was still in Germany. The old lady was under the delusion that a little brook was the river Elbe, and she would ask, "Is the Elbe rising?"—In years past had your mistress lived in Germany? Yes.—Did she keep her jewellery in a tin box? Yes.—Witness went on to tell how early in 1902 Mr. Milton informed her that deceased had left her an annuity of £50, and he gave her a cheque for £50, a year's payment, as he said she would not receive anything the first year. Just before the last codicil was executed the plaintiff said he would like "Madame" (Mrs. Bey) to sign a paper for him, as he had had all the trouble of getting the German money (under her marriage settlement), and did not see why he should not benefit by it

Fond of Mr. Milton.

When the codicil was brought to be signed by the local solicitor, a Mr. Le Gallais, witness continued, she told deceased, who objected at first, that Mr. Milton wished it. The document was not read over to the old lady before she signed it. Afterwards Mr. Milton told witness that she must economise in the household. Both Mr. and Mrs. Milton used to visit Jersey. Once Mrs. Milton took away a sealskin jacket which had been bought for Mrs. Bey. Defendants, Capt. and Mrs. Ruttledge, also used to visit deceased.—Was Mrs. Bey fond of Mrs. Ruttledge and her husband? Oh, yes.—Cross-examined by Mr. Barnard, K.C. (for plaintiff): When do you say Mrs. Bey was incapable of attending to her own affairs? From September, 1901.—Did she ever say that none of her German money was to go to her brother, Col. de Longueville, or his family? I know as to Col. de Longueville, but I do not know about his family.—When was that? In 1900.—In the same year did she not speak about leaving her property between you and Mr. Milton? I should say no. I fancy I should remember if it had been said.—Mrs. Bey was very fond indeed of Mr. Milton? Very.—Was deceased sometimes bright and clear? Yes, sometimes.—Asked why she wrote plaintiff concerning household matters, witness said she did so because she knew Mrs. Bey always consulted him.

A Friendless Creature.

—Counsel read letters written by deceased in March and April, 1902, to Mr. Milton on business matters. One concluded: "With much gratitude and regret for all the trouble I and my affairs are causing you.—Always sincerely yours, Marie R. Bey."—Justice Bargrave Deane pointed out that evidently Mrs. Bey could speak French, as well as other languages.—Witness: Yes; she spoke French, German, Italian, and Hindustani.—Later, said counsel, deceased wrote plaintiff tendering her thanks for the "unwearied kindness" he had displayed, together with the acumen and talent required in order to bring the German law business to a peaceful end. The writer concluded: "That you may be blessed for the kindness and skill you have shown to a friendless creature who has none to look to but you for advice.—Always gratefully and affectionately yours, Marie R. Bey."—Further questioned about the signing of the codicil of August, 1902, witness admitted that she must have forgotten a great deal of what took place on that occasion, and was not prepared to swear that the codicil was not read to deceased.—The hearing was adjourned.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL.

The King and Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, will visit the Duke of York's Military School next Saturday to inspect the boys prior to the transfer of the institution to Dover. To celebrate the Royal visit a reunion luncheon is to be held in the building, at which some hundreds of old boys, including one 86 years of age, who was present at the inspection by King William IV. in 1831, and some score or so of commissioned officers on the active list will also be present. The hon. secretary is Qrmr.-sergt. D. D. Cathcart, clerk of the school, from whom all particulars can be obtained.

RETORT COURTEOUS.

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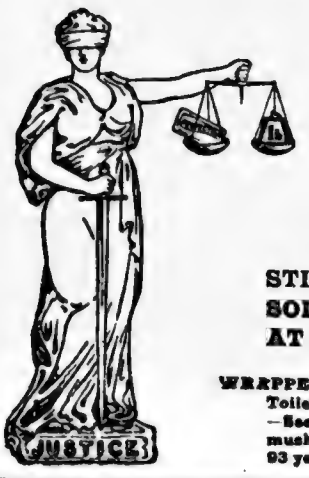

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A SOLDIER'S DEATH.

PORTER CHARGED WITH MURDER.

...e sequel to an affray in the ...t was heard at Westminster ...n Jas. Earley, 24, deal-porter, of ...ert-st., Pimlico, was, before Mr. ...cus, accused of the wilful murder ...s Sanderson, a young private in ...Coldstream Guards.—Det.-insp. ...d deposed that the police re...d information that the soldier ...received serious injury at Com...tal-rd., Pimlico. The man never ...ined con-sciousness, and died ...e in the day. From inquiries ...e by witness and Det.-sergts. G. ...h and Barrett prisoner was ar...d in Pimlico. He was cautioned ...formally charged with murder. ...hen said,

...know nothing about it. I was with ...old woman shopping in Fulham ...at the time.

...e time after prisoner had been ...n to the station he said,

...may as well tell you the truth. I did ...Some soldiers interfered with my wife ...pushing against her. One of the sol...rs then hit me on the chest. I struck ...back. The other man then made for ...face with a cane. Earley hit ...him with my fist, in self-defence ...the soldier fell "just as if he ...on the battlefield."—Describing ...row, Alfred Grimshaw also said ...Hall struck Earley. The latter ...a bottle in his hand, which he ...anded to the witness. Then the ...other soldier struck a man named ...ant, who also had a bottle of beer, ...ing him to fall, and the bottle ...broken. Sanderson, he said, ...ck at Earley, who hit back with ...ist and knocked him down. The ...esses denied that any blow was ...ck with a bottle, and Henry ...ant gave similar evidence.—The ...s returned a verdict of accidental ...th, finding that Earley struck ...derson in self-defence after great ...ocation.

JAMES EARLEY.

...trate: Do you seriously mean that ...othing had happened before your ...omrade fell.—Witness: There were ...everal groups of people about, but ...I don't think Sanderson had spoken ...to anyone. I did not hear him.—The ...Magistrate: Did deceased molest any ...woman?—Witness: I don't think he ...did. He must have been struck from ...behind, but I did not see the blow ...given. When it happened I turned ...round and

Struck the First Man

...I could see.—Magistrate: Why? Be...cause they were rushing towards San...derson on the ground.—Lce.-sergt. ...Redding, 1st Coldstream Guards, ...tted that he was in charge of the ...barrack guard at the gates. About ...12.5 a.m. he heard a disturbance just ...outside the barrack gates. He went ...to investigate, and saw a crowd of ...about 30 or 40 civilians near Sander...son and the last witness. A civilian ...struck deceased with a bottle, and ...the soldier fell to the ground. Witness ...could not identify the civilian who ...struck the blow.—Dr. Lumb, Royal ...Army Medical Corps, deposed that a ...post-mortem examination of deceased ...soldier disclosed a fracture of the ...skull near the left ear 6in. in length. ...The cause of death was coma, follow...ing concussion of the brain, which ...was lacerated.—Prisoner said he had ...several witnesses to call, and wished ...to attend the inquest to give evidence. ...Remanded.

The Inquest.

A somewhat different story was told ...at the inquest.—A widow named ...Ware said she saw two soldiers at ...the corner of Robert-st., and one, ...whom she identified as Pte. Hall, hit ...Earley in the face. The latter fell, ...but got up again, and then a fair ...young soldier hit accused man across ...the face with a cane. Earley hit ...back in self-defence with his fist, ...and the soldier fell "just as if he ...was on the battlefield."—Describing ...the row, Alfred Grimshaw also said ...Hall struck Earley. The latter ...had a bottle in his hand, which he ...handed to the witness. Then the ...other soldier struck a man named ...Grant, who also had a bottle of beer, ...causing him to fall, and the bottle ...was broken. Sanderson, he said, ...struck at Earley, who hit back with ...his fist and knocked him down. The ...witness denied that any blow was ...struck with a bottle, and Henry ...Grant gave similar evidence.—The ...jury returned a verdict of accidental ...death, finding that Earley struck ...Sanderson in self-defence after great ...provocation.

LONG-LIVED CLERGY.

Some notable instances of longevity ...in the ranks of the clergy have been ...presented at the visitations of the ...Archdeacon of Berkshire (Canon ...Ducat) to various deaneries in his ...archdeaconry. Canon Ducat was as...sisted at the courts held for the ad...mission of churchwardens and other ...witness by Canon Savory, who is 83 ...years of age, and brother-in-law to ...the Bishop of Reading (Dr. Leslie ...Randall), who is also over 80 years ...of age. The Rev. Sir John L. Hoskyns, ...Rector of Aston-Tirrold, who has ...reached 90 years, and is the father ...of two Bishops, attended the arch...deacon's visitation, as did also the ...Hon. and Rev. J. Horatio Nelson, ...Rector of Shaw-cum-Donnington, ...Newbury, who is in his 83rd year, ...and younger brother of Earl Nelson.

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"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

Saturday Afternoon.

IMPROVING MARKETS.

Since Tuesday a welcome change for the better has come over the Stock Exchange, and every market is experiencing greater activity than has been the case for a considerable period. Monday was dull and depressing, but the next day brought a favourable turn of Fortune's wheel, and from that time markets have been fairly buoyant. All the markets, ranging from Consols to gilt-edged securities generally, downwards—International Securities, Home, Colonial, American and Foreign Railways, Industrials and Mines—exhibit a material improvement, and there is no doubt that brokers are receiving a considerable accession of buying orders. The public is reported to be coming in, and this is confirmed by the large amount of investment buying that is going on. Consols have had a good rise, and India, Irish and other gilt-edged stocks have shared in the advance. There is a general expectation that the present forward movement is the beginning of a period of activity for the Stock Exchange, and, as most of the factors appear to be favourable there is no reason why the recovery should not be maintained.

HOME RAILS.

These began the week in dull and uninteresting fashion, but Tuesday brought a welcome change for the better, which has since been maintained. On that day Metropolitan stock was particularly favoured, and exhibited a rise of 1½, while North-Easterns improved on the brighter labour outlook. On the whole the home railway department has displayed more activity than for a long time past, and most of the London Underground stocks have been particularly well supported. Gains have been recorded by Great Western, Furness, Central Londons, Brighton A, Dover A, York Deferred, Midland Preferred and Deferred, North-Westerns, Districts, Chathams, and South-Western Deferred. The rumour revived that the scope of the proposed Great Northern and Central agreement is to be enlarged by the inclusion of other companies, such as the Great Eastern and Metropolitan, but no one believes it.

CANADIANS.

The various Canadian railway stocks and shares have participated in the general improvement. The rise in Grand Trunks has been one of the features of this section, bear covering and good crop news being the contributory causes. Although the traffic return on Monday showed a decrease of £30,000—the market was prepared for worse—each of the three Grand Trunk Preference Stocks rose a full point, and since then further substantial advances, ranging up to several points, have been made. Canadian Pacifics, too, are considerably higher on the week, and look like making a further recovery. The prospects of the next Canadian crop are stated to be excellent, the Government reporting that "there is every indication of a record season." Argentine Rails, too, have been much in favour, all the principal stocks being heavily bought, with the result that prices have risen considerably. In this department good investment buying is reported to be in evidence.

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

There has been a further considerable advance in American Rails, and it is evident that the movement is strongly supported. Whether it will last or not remains to be seen, but appearances certainly favour a continuance of it. For my own part, I am inclined to think that there will be a gradual improvement in Americans, but I must caution those who have no money to risk not to indulge in a gamble. At the very beginning of the week there was an advance, followed on Tuesday by a sharp reaction which was attributed to a hitch in the arrangements for the expected Union Pacific issue; but a Street rally helped very considerably to wipe off the losses in share values. Yankees, however, have since been a very animated market, and prices have been substantially advanced, but the general opinion is that the pace has been a trifle too forced. The market will be all the healthier for making haste slowly, in order that investors may have time to assimilate the various merits of Unions, Steels, Southern Pacifics, Erie, Chesapeakes, Missouris, and a host of other railroads. Business is no doubt broadening, and an abundance of it is required, but to be sound and profitable it must be well based. Steels have been a strong feature to-day.

A BULL POINT.

What strengthened American Rails on Wednesday was undoubtedly the authoritative announcement made in New York to the effect that the regular quarterly dividends of 2½ per cent. on Union Pacific Common stock and 1½ per cent. on Southern Pacific Common stock, together with the half-yearly dividend on Southern Pacific Preferred of 3½ per cent., would be paid. But strong as this point was as showing that, despite the severe depression that has existed in the United States, no necessity exists for whittling down the Union and Southern Pacific dividends, perhaps the statement made by Mr. Harriman that the long-talked-of Union issue was not required at present, there being no pressing need of the money, was an equally strong factor in causing the market to advance. The Union Pacific directors are content to wait for better market conditions before calling up more money; and that being the case it may be taken for granted that they regard it as probable that in the near future the flotation of securities will be possible on more favourable terms than are at present obtainable.

MINES.

It is evident from the greater activity, and from the advance in prices, that there is more business passing in mines of various descriptions. So far the promise of May appears to have spread all over the Stock Exchange, and even the long despised Kaffirs and Rhodesians are participating, as the long list of advances during the last few days clearly indicates. Although less buoyant than South Africans, Westralians and Barriers also are harder, and coppers have received more attention, with the result that there has been a sharp recovery in some of the leading shares of this description. Modderfonteins have been one of the Kaffir features on the announcement that the monthly capacity of the plant is to be increased from 36,000 tons to 45,000 tons, at a probable cost of £100,000, to be met out of accumulated profits without interfering with dividends. Mount Lyells, among the Queensland group, have strengthened on a circular giving the result of the half-year's operations to the end of March last, and Great Boulders and Horseshoes are the turn better. Rio Tintos have been a feature on strong buying from New York, where most copper shares are good, the price advancing at one time to over 65.

SPURT IN DIAMONDS.

Although mines generally have been in more cheerful mood the feature of this section has undoubtedly been the advance in diamond descriptions. I am all the more pleased to emphasise this because it is a long while since so much interest has been centred in De Beers and Premier shares. The awakening began on Tuesday on support from Paris, which it was alleged—with what truth I know not—was due to a considerable sale of stones having been made in the United States. It was immediately argued that if America had begun to make diamond purchases trade in that country must really be improving, and hence the chief cause of the recent depression in the diamond industry was by way of disappearing. At any rate, this report made De Beers very lively, although movements were somewhat erratic, so much so that the Preference shares—the dividend on which it was rumoured in the market would be paid—rose from 12½ at which they made up on Monday to 14½ and the Deferred advanced from 9⅝ to 11. The best prices have hardly been maintained, the struggle between bulls and bears being very keen, but the gain on the week is pretty considerable, and the tone keeps fairly good. Premiers have had a substantial advance and Jagersfonteins are harder.

NORTH UTAH MINING.

The news from the properties controlled by the North Utah Mining Co. is of a very encouraging nature, the manager reporting the discovery of a new ore body, with copper glance predominating. An advisory committee has been formed in London to act in conjunction with the local board of directors. The members of this committee are as follows:—Messrs. Robert G. H. Boulton, Cowley Lambert, Russell Monro, Arthur Dugdale, and Arthur L. Pearse. Mr. Pearse is, of course, the well-known mining engineer, who is one of the recognised authorities on the Utah Copper Field.

INDUSTRIALS.

The improvement has had the effect of enlivening the market for industrial and miscellaneous shares, in which numerous advances have been made. Numerous iron and steel shares have benefited by the revival, notably Vickers, Armstrongs, and Cammell Lairds, while in other ways Darracqs, Liptons, Gamages, Van den Berghs, J. and P. Coats, British Aluminium, and Bon Marché have been freely dealt in at advanced prices. The new Gamage issue of 10,000 cumulative 5½ per cent. Preference £1 shares and 10,000 Ordinary £1 shares has been a complete success. The list was opened on Wednesday, and was to have remained open until Thursday evening, but by the time the bank closed on the first named day the entire issue had been more than covered by the London applications alone, and early on Thursday the list was closed, the country applications received that morning being sufficient to absorb the whole of the shares offered.

STOCK MARKET.

City, Saturday.

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Brighton	1¼	G. Western	117½13
Do. Def.	85¾	Hull and	
Caledonian	81	Barnsley	46¾
Do. Pref.	62¾	L. & Y. Ord.	93
Cent. Lon.	7	Metropolitan	41
Chat'm'Ord.	1½	Do. District	12¾13¾
Do. Pref.	70	Midland Pf.	61
Do. 2nd Pref.	37	Do. Def.	51¾
City & S. Ldn.	4½	N. British	31¾
L. Tram Con.	2	Do. Def.	65¾
G. Central Def.	11½12	N.-Eastern	133
Gt. Eastern	12¾	N.-Western	173¾
Gt. N'thn A.	37	S.-East. A.	33½
Do. Def.	49¾	S.-Western	141
Do. Pref.	74¾	Do. Def.	45¾

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argen. 1886	103¾	Germ. 5 p.C.	83½
Buenos A.		Greek 1881	41
Water	107¾4	Hungar. 4 p.C.	91¾
Brazil 1889	91	Italn. 5p.C.	103
Do. 1895	9¾	Japan 5p.C.	9¾
Do. Minas	9⅞	Mex. 4 p.C.	101¾
Chilian 86	90	Peru. Con.	8¾
Do. 1895	83	Do. Pref.	34¾
Do. 1896	91	Do. Deb.	85¾
Chinese 1896	93½	Port. New.	9⅞
Do. 4½ p.C.	97¾	Russ. 4 p.C.	83¾
Egypt. Un.	90⅝	Spn. 4p.C.	92⅝
Do. Scrip	96	Turk. 1st.	11
French 3 p. Cent	95	Do. 1854.	95
		Uruguay 4½	67

SOUTH AFRICANS.

African New	6⅝	Knights	3¾
A.-French	⅝	Meintjes Ar.	4⅛
Angelo	3⅜	Meyer & D.	5¾
Bantu Gold	1⅝	Meyer & Ch.	2¾
Brakpan	⅝	Mo'fontn.	7⅞
Charter'd.	14⅞	Mozambique	⅝
City & Sub.	1⅝	New Goch.	⅝
Con. Glds.	3⅜	Nigel	2⅝
Crown Reef	5⅝	Nsanza	1⅞
De Beers	10⅝	Paarl Con.	⅝
Do. Pref.	14⅝	Pigg's Peak	8⅞
Durban R.	1⅛	Ramt'fat'n	1⅝
East Rand	3⅝	Rand Mines	3⅜
Do. Min. E.	⅝	Rhodesian	2⅜
Perreira	14	Rhod'sia Ex.	1⅛
Smith D.	1/6	Robinson	8⅞
Geduld	1⅝	Rosl'nd U.	1¼
Geldenhuis	⅝	Salisbury	⅝
Do. Deep	6⅝	Salish'y Bin.	13/
Gl. Mining	1⅝	Selukawe	1⅝
Glons & Pn.	13/6	Sheba	20/
Gold Trust	2⅝	Sim. & Jack	1⅝
Heriot	3⅝	Steyne Est.	4⅛
H. E. Props.	⅝	Trans. Con.	⅝
Jagersfnta	3⅝	Lands	1⅞
Jon'n nsb'g Invest.	15/6	Do. Devs.	9/6
Jubilee	1⅝	Van Ryn	3⅛
Jumpers	⅝	Van Dyk	1⅛
Kaffir's Co.	17⅜	Village M.	3⅜
Kleinfntn.	1/6	Welged'k Ex.	1⅝
Langlaagte	2⅛	Wemmer	1⅝
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Atchison	85⅝	N. Y. & Ont.	43⅜
Do. Pref.	94⅜	N'folk & W. Pref.	81
Balt & Ohio	95⅝	Do. Com.	73
Chic. & Mil.	17⅝	Penn'sylvnia	62
Den. & Rio G.	27	Ph. & Read.	59½
Do. Pref.	67⅝	Southern	19⅝
Erie	21⅝	Do. Pref.	45
Do. 1st Pref.	39	Union Pac.	148
Illinois Cen.	140	Do. Pref.	85
Louis. & Nh.	111½	Wabash Do.	12½
Mex. & Tex.	29½	Do. Pref.	28½
N. Y. Cen.	107⅞		

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Do. & Pac.	15⅝16⅛	Do. 2nd Prf.	8⅝
Do. & Ros.	10⅞	Do. 3rd Prf.	4⅜
Do. West'n	12⅜	Do. 4's Gtd.	10⅝
Canada Pac	153	Mexan Ord.	20⅜
Cor. & Ros.	87	Do. 1st Prf.	13⅝
Do. Cen. Prf.	85½	Do. 2nd Prf.	82
Entre R. Prf.	62	Nitrate R.	10⅝
G. Tnk. Ord.	17⅝	Urug'y Cen.	76

AUSTRALIANS.

Assoc. W.A.	⅜	Ivanhoe	7⅝
N. Blocks	⅜	Kalgurli	7⅝
G. H'r'shoe	5⅝	Kalgurli S.	⅝
Gt. Bo'ldera	26/3	Lake View	10/6
Gt. Fingall	1	Oroya Bhill	⅝

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Abosso	1⅝	Panti Con.	3/0
Ashanti Gfs.	5/6	G. O. Amal.	⅜
Brit. G. C. Company	3/6	Taq. & Abos.	2⅝
Broomassie	14/3	Wassau	4/6

MISCELLANEOUS MINES.

Anaconda	9⅛	Mt. Morgan	3⅝
Balaghat	7/0	Mysore	4⅝
Bk. H. Prop.	1/6	Nundyd'rg	23/6
Champn. Rf.	3/3	Oeregum	2/6
Cosmopltn.	2/6	R. Tinto Ord.	63¼
Le Roy No. 2	1⅝	Tharsis	5⅝
Mt. Lyell	2/6	Waihi Gold	9⅛

MISCELLANEOUS.

Aerated Bd.	6⅝	Lipton	27/0
A.-Am. Ord.	5/6	Nelson (J.) Sons, Ord.	17/6
Do. Def.	16⅝	Sw'tmeat A.	8⅛
Do. Pref.	99⅝101⅛	U.S. Steel, Ord	3⅝
Costa, Ord.	8⅝	Do. Pref.	104⅝
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SUNDAYS May 17th, 31st.

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PORTSMOUTH and SOUTHSEA 3/6. CHICHESTER, BOGNOR, ARUNDEL and LITTLEHAMPTON 2/6. Lon Br. 11.50 a.m., and Victoria 11.45 a.m.

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THE COMMITTEE of the L. and S.W. Rly. Institute and Club beg to announce their EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL EXCURSION to BOURNEMOUTH and the NEW FOREST on MONDAY, May 18th. Tickets (number strictly limited) on Sale at the Booking Offices, Waterloo (Main Line) and Stations, advertised on bill, also at the Institute and Club, 70, Wandsworth Road, S.W. Adults, 4s. Children, 2s. Special Trains leave Waterloo, 7.45 and 7.50 a.m.

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Landing of French Fishery Produce and assembly of British War Vessels at Dover.

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DEAL MARTIN MILL WALMER, DOVER, FOLKESTONE, SHORNCLIFFE, Sandgate and Hythe 3/6. Charing X 12.5 p.m., calling Waterloo Junc. Lon Br. New X.

HASTINGS, BEXHILL, BASTBOURNE 3/6. ST LEONARDS, NEWHAVEN, LEWES 2/6. Lon Br. and Victoria 12.30 p.m., calling New X. Clap. Junc. and E. Croydon only. BRIGHTON 2/6. Lon Br. 2.0 p.m.

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A MEETING will be held at THE TALBOT RESTAURANT, 64, London Wall E.C. on Monday, 25rd, at 8 p.m. Old Boys are requested to write to W. F. THIEME, 2, Florence Villas, De Beauvoir-square, Dalston, N. for particulars of agenda.

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BELSEY, HENRY,

FORMERLY of the Royal Navy, who died in Hanging Heaton, Yorks., in 1895, and resided in Kent. Information is required of the next of the above and any descendants are requested to communicate with Messrs. WOOLDRIDGE and SON, Winchester.

ALEXANDER SMALL & ANN SMALL

FORMERLY of St. Albans. The daughters of the above-named or their descendants are requested to communicate with Messrs. YOUNG JONES and CO., 1, Lawrence Pountney Hill, Cannon-street, London, E.C. when they may hear of something to their advantage.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (PROBATE).

TO THE NEXT OF KIN (if any) and all persons in general having or claiming any interest in the Estate of HARRY CLARKE, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that a Citation has issued citing you to cause an appearance to be entered for you in the matter of the above-named, before the Principal Probate Registry of the Court situate at Somerset House, Strand, in the County of Middlesex, and to refuse or consent to the administration of all the Estate which by law devolves to and rests in the personal representative of HARRY CLARKE of 20, Thoresby-lane, Beckenham, in the County of Kent, deceased, whose estate was granted Letters of Administration of the Personal Estate of the said deceased should not be granted to THOMAS WILLIAM WOOD, as a Creditor, with an intimation that in default of your appearance Letters of Administration as aforesaid will be granted to the said THOMAS WILLIAM WOOD.

(Signed) ROBT. A. FRITCHARD, Registrar.

WILLIAM G. WELLER, 44, Bedford-row, W.C. Agent for ALFRED BRIDGE, 1, Widmore-road, Bromley, Kent, Solicitor.

PURSUANT

TO an ORDER of the CHANCERY DIVISION of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, dated the 3rd day of May, 1908, made in the Action of ELLEN PITMAN the persons claiming to be legally and beneficially entitled to the funds in Court to the credit of ROBERT PITMAN are by themselves or their solicitors to enter their names in a book kept for that purpose in Room 286, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London and also on or before the 1st day of June, 1908 to come and prove their claims at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady and Mr. Justice Neville, at the said Royal Courts of Justice, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of any order to be made in the said act on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, 1908 at 12 o'clock noon at the said Chambers, which is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated this 15th day of May, 1908.

SAMUEL A. M. SAYOW, Master.

NOTE The representatives of JOHN JAMES late of Wrington Somerset Solicitor who died on the 4th day of June, 1907 and SARAH YOUNG late of ALFRED YOUNG late of Cardiff Glamorgan, who died on 29th October, 1862, or the deceased ante or post, are hereby required to send in their claims and JOHN JAMES and SARAH YOUNG may be interested in the said funds.

PURSUANT

TO AN ORDER of the CHANCERY DIVISION of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE made on an Action MACDONALD v. BENNETT, dated the Justice Swinfen Eady, on the 15th day of June, 1906, the following enquiry was directed, namely:

AN ENQUIRY who are the persons legally and beneficially entitled to the estate of JEMIMA SARAH MACDONALD, late of 2, Clifford's Inn, deceased.

ALL PERSONS claiming to be the next of kin of the above-named JEMIMA SARAH MACDONALD are by their Solicitors on or before the 22nd day of November, 1908 to come

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.

Men and Boys

WISHING to join the Royal Navy, apply on board H.M.S. President, South West India Dock, London, E.

Brighton County Borough Asylum, Haywards Heath.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, Wardmaid, at £20 rising to £22 per annum, and Laundrymaid at £18 per annum. Applications, stating age and if experienced, should be made to the Medical Superintendent, as above, stating age and if experienced, when able to join.

Wanted,

AT EAST CLIFF HOUSE, Margate, Kent (Sea), Nurse-Housekeeper (Lady-Nurse), under 35, fond of children. Apply Matron.

Metropolitan Asylums Board.

WANTED, at once, Wards £14 rising to £16, 2 LAUNDRYMAIDS (temporary). Wages at the rate of £18 per annum, rising to £20. Board, lodging, and uniform; and uniform are provided free. Laundrymaids to work under the supervision of the Matron, on her permanent staff. Applications to be addressed to the Matron, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E., stating age and if experienced, when able to join.

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AT EAST CLIFF HOUSE, Margate, Kent (Sea), Nurse-Housekeeper (Lady-Nurse), under 35, fond of children. Apply Matron.

Foundling Hospital.

NURSE HOUSEMAID wanted to assist with little boys and scrub in morning. Wages £15; good washing and uniform provided. Also INFANT'S HOUSEMAID to take children in play hours and fill in time with housework. Wages £14. Also LAUNDRYMAID; good washer and plain ironer. Wages £14. Uniform in each case after three months if satisfactory; good personal references required. Laundrymaid, apply Monday. Nurse and Scrubber, Monday or Tuesday, between 10 and 1 o'clock, to Matron Foundling Hospital, Guilford street, by Russell Square, London.

Laundrymaids

WANTED at the following Institutions of the Metropolitan Asylums Board:

1. THE NORTH EASTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, Ayrsford Road, New Cross, S.E. Wages £20 10s. per annum. Applications to Matron.
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Lists May, 1908.

Parish of St. Pancras.

NIGHT PORTER AND STOKER

WANTED for the ST PANCRAS INFIRMARY (Infirmary), Prince of Wales road, N.W. A NIGHT PORTER and STOKER. Salary 25s per week and supper daily.

Applications to be made personally to the Steward at the Infirmary at above any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

ALFRED A. MILLWARD, Clerk to the Guardians Town Hall, Parkes road, N.W.

15th May, 1908.

Parish of St. Pancras.

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

NURSERY ATTENDANT.

WANTED, for the Workhouse of this Parish, King's road, N.W., a NURSERY ATTENDANT. Salary £18 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £20 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, uniform, and £4 per annum in lieu of part rations.

Applications to be made personally to the Matron at the Workhouse on Monday, any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ALFRED A. MILLWARD, Clerk to the Guardians Town Hall, Parkes road, N.W.

15th May, 1908.

Parish of St. Pancras.

DINING ROOM MAID.

WANTED for the ST PANCRAS INFIRMARY (Sick), Parkes road, N.W., a DINING ROOM MAID. Salary £16 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £18 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, uniform, and £4 per annum in lieu of part rations.

Applications to be made personally to the Matron at the Workhouse on Monday, any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ALFRED A. MILLWARD, Clerk to the Guardians Town Hall, Parkes road, N.W.

15th May, 1908.

Holborn Union.

THE GUARDIANS of the HOLBORN UNION require the services of an ASSISTANT NURSERY ATTENDANT on Children, at their Workhouse, 74, Shepherds Walk, N.

Salary £17 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £20 per annum, with board, lodging, washing and uniform, and £2 per annum in lieu of beer or mineral waters.

Candidates must have had previous experience in the management of children from 14 days old. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and to deductions under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.

Apply at once to the Matron of Holborn Union Workhouse, 74, Shepherdess Walk, N., who will forward forms of application.

11th May 1908. By Order,

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NURSE wanted for alternate Day and Night Duty. Must be duly qualified midwife.

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14th May 1908.

Brentford Union.

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By Order,

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12th May 1908

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CENTURY BY PERRIN.

CRICKET NOTES.

By SHORT LEG.

(Exclusive to "The People.")

For the moment cricketers are in a perilous plight, the weather, after holding out pleasant promise at the beginning of the week, having relapsed into its worst and most unseasonable mood. On Friday seven first-class matches were supposed to be in progress, but at five of the grounds not a ball could be bowled. In such direful circumstances one can only, in the Count of Monte Christo's phrase, wait and hope. Things cannot for long go on like this. There must be some fine weather in store for us. In the meantime the month of May is half over, and we have really had little or no cricket worth talking about. Even the matches played out have not been at all satisfactory, many of the men engaged showing only too clearly that from their lack of practice they were out of form. A few bowlers, among them Haigh and Hurst, have had a glorious time, and the Oval, with its wonderful power of recovery from rain, has enabled Hobbs and other Surrey batsmen to get a reasonable amount of enjoyment out of the game, but that is all. Lord's is little better than a swamp, and will need several days of sunshine to restore it to decent condition. Happily, no matches of special importance have been spoilt. Our county secretaries know their English May, and act accordingly, taking care, when they meet in December, to hold their best fixtures over till Whitsuntide and later. Never has their wisdom in taking this course been more triumphantly shown than in the present season. One may sympathise with Hampshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, and Somerset, already led to the slaughter, but there is satisfaction in the thought that, when the sunshine comes, no great harm will have been done.

It would be folly to attempt to deduce much from the cricket seen so far. We can tell pretty clearly that Surrey will get a lot of runs, and that a showery summer will suit Yorkshire, sticky wickets helping their bowling without revealing the comparative weakness of their batting; but beyond this it is hardly safe to go. One significant thing, however, has happened. At the very first time of asking Walter Brearley has proved to demonstration what his return to the eleven means to Lancashire. The single innings victory over Somerset at Bath was largely his work. He did well in both innings, but was more particularly himself on Tuesday afternoon, when Somerset went in for the second time. Then, according to all the reports, he got up his full pace. Brearley is not a great fast bowler in the sense that Richardson or Lockwood was. He rarely sends down the impossible ball that, spinning off the ground, breaks back at such a pace as to beat the strongest defence, but his energy is inexhaustible, and he can bowl a good length for two hours at a stretch. Moreover, he can be fairly difficult on wickets that would seem too slow to suit him. I recall a Gentlemen v. Players match at Lord's, in which he showed this power in a very striking way. He had literally to carry the rest of the Gentlemen's team on his shoulders, no one being able to give him even the smallest assistance; but he worked away untiringly, and took seven wickets on a pitch that did not help him in any way. It is true that the Players run up a big score, but for all that the other bowlers could have done to prevent them they might have made 500. Brearley alone caused the batsmen any trouble. Now that he is back in the team, Lancashire's bowling this season is likely on all wickets to bear comparison with that of any other county. It is almost impossible to over-estimate the value of a good fast bowler who never tires. What the Lancashire batting will be like it is difficult to say, but Alfred Hartley seems to have played very well for his 109 against Somerset, and Tyldesley gave welcome evidence of being already in form. As I have never seen Hartley bat, I can say nothing about him. He played in three Lancashire matches at the end of last season, having earned his trial by some consistently good scoring for the second eleven. Born in 1879, he is a little late in coming to the front. Like so many modern batsmen, he would seem to be essentially an on-side player, getting a large proportion of his runs in front of square leg. His off-side hitting did not impress the Bath critics as being anything out of the ordinary. As Maclaren may not appear at all regularly, and Spooner is not expected in the eleven till August, Lancashire want all the new batting they can get, and Hartley's success in the first match is, to say the least, highly encouraging. Still, he must be seen against far better bowling than that of Somerset before his class can be properly determined. He has started well, but that is all one can say at present.

Everyone who had the good fortune to be at Lord's on Wednesday morning is high in praise of P. F. Warner's innings of 64 not out for the M.C.C. against Yorkshire. It seems to have been in every way a remarkable effort. Warner had to play Haigh on one of that bowler's own particular wickets, and the M.C.C.'s total only amounted to 95. Thus Warner accounted for all the runs but 31. Such an innings was, on the face of it, finer than one of 150, played on a perfect wicket in a match of heavy scores. It was hard luck to bat in such form and get no help. Yorkshire deserved their single innings victory, their form all round being admirable. I am told that the fielding on Monday in the M.C.C.'s first innings was smartness itself, the whole Yorkshire side working together in a way that was simply delightful to watch. Still, I feel very dubious as to how the Yorkshiremen will get on when the hot weather comes. Hard wickets will soon find out the limits of their bowling, and apart from Hirst, Denton, and Rhodes, there are no batsmen in the team who can with confidence be looked to for more than average scores. Bates and Wilkinson may develop into first-rate players, but at present they are only potential forces.

OXFORD U. v. LANCASHIRE.

Drawn.

As only one wicket had fallen in the match at Oxford, and it had been arranged to draw stumps at five o'clock, a draw was of course certain, and little interest attached to the game. However, some fairly attractive cricket was seen yesterday, twenty-one wickets going down. Oxford did well to score 153 on a difficult pitch. The outstanding feature of the University batting was the stand of Brandt and Robinson for the eighth wicket. Dean proved effective, dismissing five batsmen during the morning for 17 runs. The Lancashire batsmen hit out after lunch, but this policy was hardly attended with success, their total falling 22 short of the first innings of their opponents. Gilbert bowled with astonishing success, but the pitch of course materially assisted him. In the last half-hour Oxford hit up 50 runs for the loss of two wickets, the match being left drawn. Full score —

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

First Innings		Second Innings	
T. Bowring b Huddleston	29	not out	17
H. Tomalin c & b Harry	28		
A. L. Bright c & b Hubly	0		
Huddleston	15		
M. G. Salter, c Pedelty, b Dean	18	st Worsley, b Pedelty	19
C. P. Lewis, lbw, b Dean	11	b Hubly	14
R. L. Gaskell, b Harry	2		
D. R. Brandt, not out	19		
J. C. M. Lowe, c Harry, b Dean	0		
R. L. Robinson, c Sharp, b Dean	24		
C. G. Hatfield, b Dean	1		
H. A. Gilbert, c Pedelty, b Huddleston	4		
Extras	5	Extras	—
Total	153	Total (7 Wkts)	50

LANCASHIRE.—First Innings.

A. Hartley, b Gilbert	27
H. D. Denning, c Robinson, b Hatfield	14
Tyldesley b Hatfield	13
L. O. P. Jones, c Gilbert, b Hatfield	2
Sharp, c Braddell, b Gilbert	10
Harry, c Lowe, b Gilbert	3
Dean, c Lowe, b Gilbert	6
A. H. Hornby, b Gilbert	24
Huddleston, c & b Gilbert	0
Cox, not out	9
Worsley, b Gilbert	6
Extras	4
Total	131

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. YORKSHIRE.

Yorks win easily.

Some fairly interesting play was seen in this match at Cambridge. The heavy rain of Friday had completely ruined the pitch, and a new wicket had to be prepared. Cambridge who had scored 52 without loss after going in against Yorkshire's total of 236, were all out in four overs after lunch for the addition of 57 runs. Only Young, who had gone in first with Baily on Friday, showed any ability to cope with the Yokshire bowling. He was batting in all for three hours all but ten minutes, and during the last hour of his stay, none of his partners made a single run. Following on 189 runs behind, Cambridge for a time looked like giving a better account of themselves than in the first innings. After Young's dismissal, however, the match was quickly finished off, Yorkshire gaining an easy victory by an innings and 153. Haigh, whose destructiveness on a wet pitch brought about the collapse of the University batsmen, took seven wickets in the last innings for 23 runs, his record for the match being eleven for 50. Full score:—

YORKSHIRE.—First Innings.

Rhodes, b Bennett	45
Rothery, c Wright, b Lyttelton	10
Denton, c Wright, b Oliver	0
Wilkinson, b Lyttelton	9
Hirst, b Bennett	25
Bates, c Young, b Lyttelton	32
Lord Hawke, run out	7
Haigh, st Young, b Bennett	10
Myers, b Gilmour	26
Mesa c and, not out	0
Hunter, run out	21
Extras	22
Total	239

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

First Innings		Second Innings.	
R. A. Young, b Haigh	56	lbw, b Haigh	15
R. F. H. Baily, b Rhodes	32	lbw, b Haigh	2
J. A. Oliver, b Rhodes	1	b Haigh	0
C. G. Wright, b Hirst	0	b Haigh	0
P. F. Mugliston, c Hunter, b Haigh	0	c Denton, b Rhodes	1
H. Bennett, c Rothery, b Haigh	0	b Rhodes	5
D. C. Collins, not out	5	not out	9
C. Gilmour, b Haigh	0	b Haigh	0
C. Reubert, b Haigh	0	c Wilkinson, b Rhodes	5
Hon. C. F. Lyttelton, b Haigh	4	c Hunter, b Haigh	1
H. Oliver, c sub, b Rhodes	5	b Haigh	0
D. C. F. Burton, absent, hurt	0	absent, hurt	0
Extras	6	Extras	1
Total	109	Total	36

SURREY v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A Drawn Game.

(Special to "The People.")

To compensate for the disappointments of Thursday and Friday, when not a ball could be bowled at Kennington Oval, there was a very full and interesting day's cricket yesterday, Surrey making a desperate attempt to force a win, and their efforts only just failing to achieve success. They had the good fortune to win the toss, and thus gained some considerable advantage, the pitch on the morning, although somewhat slow, being not nearly so difficult as it became later in the day. The Surrey men, under the leadership of J. N. Crawford, who not only resumed his place in the team, but captained the side, played quite the right game from the start. Naturally, some difficulty was experienced in getting the ball away, but Hayward and Hobbs put plenty of power into their strokes, and brought the score up to 66 in little more than an hour. A good length ball having disposed of Hayward, Hobbs, who is in such splendid form this season, went on hitting a little longer, but with Hayward out of luck, finely caught in the long field and Holland at once afterwards missed Surrey found themselves with four men out for 84. Despite the failures of the two latter batsmen, Crawford, on joining Marshall, at once started to hit out, and enjoying a narrow escape from being taken at long off first ball, he delighted the spectators with some powerful drives and pulls. So opportunities did the young Surrey captain miss that inside of half an hour he knocked up 40 out of 59. Following his example, Marshall opened his shoulders to good purpose, and Davis—let off by Gedsell when one—also put a lot of vigour into his work. So well did matters go with Surrey that by lunch time there were 191 runs on the board, and five wickets still to fall. As matters turned out, Crawford might with advantage to his side have then declared, but probably he preferred to bring the total on after 50 runs and the possibility in those circumstances of making Gloucestershire follow on. In most dashing fashion the Surrey men resumed after the interval, but the results were disappointing, the five outstanding wickets going down for the addition of only 15 runs. The last few home batsmen having done so little, Gloucestershire had only 57 to make to escape a follow on, and at no time did Surrey look like disposing of their opponents for less than that number. Board reared skilfully on the leg side, and though no one else accomplished much the follow was averted with six wickets in hand. With a draw at that moment practically assured, the spectators would, no doubt, have enjoyed half an hour of Jessop, but the Gloucestershire captain, after making one mighty drive, was caught off the next ball. Not until five o'clock did the last Gloucestershire wicket fall, everything at the moment pointing to a tame finish. Surrey being left with a lead of 108, however, Crawford went in with Marshall, and these two hitting up 34 before Marshall was out, Crawford thereupon declared. Only three quarters of an hour remained when Gloucestershire entered upon their second innings, so there seemed even then no likelihood of excitement, but Langdon was out in the first over and Board in the second Winstone from the first ball he received, was appealed against for both stumping and a catch at the wicket, but both umpires gave the batsman. Had the decision gone the other way, Surrey would probably be now residing in a memorable victory Winstone, however, managed to keep up his end for a quarter of an hour, and the stand he made with Gedsell, who really settled matters, Jessop, let off when only three big hits, but then hit out after lunch, but this policy was hardly attended with success, their total falling 22 short of the first innings of their opponents. Gilbert bowled with astonishing success, but the pitch of course materially assisted him. In the last half-hour Oxford hit up 50 runs for the loss of two wickets, the match being left drawn. Full score —

SURREY

First Innings		Second Innings.	
Hayward, b Huggins	36		
Hobbs, c Mills, b Bennett	41		
Hayes, c sub, b Mills	9		
Marshall, lbw, b Huggins	40	lbw, b Langdon	5
Holland, st Board, b Bennett	9		
J. N. Crawford, c Denton, b Mills	60	not out	14
Davis, c Jessop, b Dennett	24		
Lees, st Board, b Bennett	1		
Smith, P. E., not out	4		
Smith, W. C., c & b Jessop	5		
Bennett	3		
Strudwick, c Gedsell, b Huggins	2		
Hodgson	2		
Extras	7	Extras	—
Total	293	Total	34

(Innings declared c & b Gilbert)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Langdon, c Hayes, b Smith	0	lbw, b Crawford	0
Board, c Hayward, b Smith	26	lbw, b W. Smith	2
H. T. Gedsell, lbw, b Crawford	30	b Crawford	7
Winstone, b W. Smith	1	st Crawford	1
G. L. Jessop, c Holland, b P. Smith	12	b P. Smith	13
Spry, lbw, b W. Smith	4	not out	3
Dennett, c Crawford, b Smith	10	b Hayes	4
Jelfs, lbw, b W. Smith	0		
Langdon, b not out	1		
Huggins, b Smith	0		
Bennett, st Strudwick, b Crawford	5	Extras	3
Extras	6	Total	97
Total	96		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SURREY.

	First Innings.				Second Innings.			
	o.	m.	r.	w.	o.	m.	r.	w.
Bennett	31	4	95	2	Langdon	3	1	12	0
Mills	19	1	63	2	Huggins	3	1	17	0
Huggins	15·4	2	34	3					
Winstone	1	0	3	0					

GLOUCESTER

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Smith, W. C.	11	2	35	1	Crawford	4	1	17	3
Smith, P. E.	12	1	47	2	Smith (W. C.)	2	1	8	1
Crawford	17	3	42	2	Smith, P. E.	3	0	16	1
					Hayes	0·3	0	4	1

NORTHAMPTON v. NOTTS.

Match Left Drawn.

At Northampton, on Thursday, the home side scored 55 for two wickets, and on Friday nothing could be done, the weather being very bad on both days. So little progress having been made, the chance of a definite result yesterday was remote in the extreme. Northamptonshire went on batting at half-past seven, but runs were hard to get on the slow ground, and for a total of 118 the innings ended. John Gunn did an effective bit of bowling, taking three wickets, and having only 8 runs hit from him. Before lunch Notts lost two wickets for 22. On the game being resumed the crowd numbered 2,000. John Gunn was bowled with the score unchanged, but George Gunn and Payton stayed together for 40 minutes. For the fourth wicket George Gunn played admirably for an hour and a quarter. Payton and Alletson showed good form, but Hardy (right-hand medium pace) finished off the innings for 108, taking the last six wickets for 11 runs. Northamptonshire began their second innings at half-past four, and in three-quarters of an hour half the wickets were down for 28. However Thompson and Burwell made a draw inevitable. Full score:—

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
W. H. Kingston, c G. Gunn, b Wass	41	lbw, b Hallam	13
Cox, run out	2	b Hallam	0
C. J. T. Pool, c J. Gunn, b Hallam	18	c Jones, b Wass	8
Thompson, c & b Wass	10	not out	22
A. E. Thompson, c Oates, b Wass	0	c Jones, b Wass	0
Manning, b J. Gunn	7	b Hallam	5
Burwell, c Gunn, b Wass	5	c & b J. Gunn	14
H. Hawtin, b J. Gunn	0	b Hallam	1
Wells, b Wass	1		
Jayes, c Iremonger, b Gunn	17	c Alletson, b G. Gunn	10
Falconer, not out	2		
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	118	Total	81

NOTTS. First Innings.

Iremonger, b Thompson	7
Hind-Smith, b Thompson	1
Gunn (G.), c Manning, b Hawtin	30
Gunn (J.), b G. Thompson	0
Payton, lbw, b Hardy	28
Alletson, c Manning, b Hardy	21
Hallam, not out	2
Oates, c Post, b Hardy	3
G. O. Jones, b Hardy	0
James, b Hardy	1
Wass, b Hardy	0
Extras	10
Total	103

M.C.C. v. KENT.

Match Drawn.

The time lost by rain could not be made up, and at Lords yesterday, the match between M.C.C. and Kent had to be left drawn. Only twenty-five minutes' play was possible on Thursday, not a ball could be bowled on Friday, and it was not until two o'clock that the pitch had sufficiently recovered to permit of cricket yesterday. Play in the match was thus limited to less than five hours. The best feature of the game so far as Kent was concerned was the splendid batting of Warner, who had the satisfaction of carrying his bat through the M.C.C. innings. Defending with great skill, he hit at times with plenty of power, and made his runs by driving and crisp cutting. So complete was his mastery, that during the three hours and a quarter over which his innings extended he did not make a single stroke. Warner found his only real helper in Tarrant, who assisted him to put on 63 runs in an hour and a half, for the second wicket. Thanks mainly to these two men the M.C.C. had 100 on the board with only four wickets down, but after this Blythe and Fairservice, on a pitch that gave them considerable assistance, carried all before them. Kent obtained 90 minutes' batting, and though six wickets fell, 75 runs were scored in the time, the batters hitting in free, attractive style. Full score:—

M.C.C. AND GROUND.—First Innings.

P. F. Warner, not out	64
C. E. de Trafford, c Woolley, b Blythe	0
Tarrant, c Hearne, J., b Woolley	36
Brand, b Humphreys	0
Llewellyn, b Woolley	4
A. G. C. Luther, b Fairservice	0
W. C. Beard, b Fairservice	0
H. S. Kaye, c Hardinge, b Blythe	2
C. P. Baker, b Fairservice	0
Humphreys, b Blythe	0
Hearne, J. T., c Woolley, b Fairservice	0
Extras	14
Total	124

KENT.—First Innings.

Hardinge, b Hearne	11
Maude, b Hearne	0
Seymour, lbw, b Tarrant	13
Hubble, lbw, b Hearne	0
Woolley, b Tarrant	10
Humphreys, not in	
C. H. B. Marsham,	
Blythe, not out	
Extras	
Total (for 6	
Fairservice, Blythe, an	

WARWICKSHIRE v. SUSSEX.

A Drawn Game.

After two blank days a start was made with the Warwickshire and Sussex match at Birmingham. Batting first, Warwickshire were for a time seen to poor advantage, runs coming extremely slowly, and six wickets being down for 54. At this point Lilley and Glover came together, and forced the game with such effect that the seventh wicket produced 67 runs in less than an hour. Lilley had a fair share of luck in his 46, but it was nevertheless a creditable performance. The innings closed for 142, Sussex started badly, Hargreave quickly dismissing three batsmen, but Killick and Simons stayed the collapse for a time. Killick was out to a good catch by Field after batting an hour and five minutes for 30. Sussex started their second innings with a lead of 18 and had scored as many runs for the loss of one wicket when stumps were pulled up and the match left drawn. Full score —

WARWICKSHIRE.

First Innings		Second Innings.	
Charlesworth, b Vine	13	c Butt, b Leach	6
Santall, c Vine, b Hargreave	13	not out	5
Baker, c & b Hargreave	2	not out	6
Quaife, c Butt, b Vincent	10		
A. S. Street, st Butt, b A. E. Relf	6		
H. T. Crichton, b Vincent	0		
Lilley, c Simons, b Leach	46		
A. C. S. Glover, run out	34		
Kinneir, c Vincent, b Hargreave	11		
Hargreave, run out	12		
Field, not out	0		
Extras	5	Extras	1
Total	142	Total (1 wkt)	18

SUSSEX.—First Innings.

Vine, b Hargreave	7
A. E. Relf, b Hargreave	0
Killick, c Field, b Crichton	30
A. E. Relf, b Hargreave	0
H. L. Simons, b Hargreave	14
Leach, b Hargreave	1
L. C. A. Smith, b Hargreave	12
Cox, c Lilley, b Hargreave	0
Vincent, c Kinneir, b Field	24
Beyer, b Field	17
Butt, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	111

ESSEX v. LEICESTERSHIRE.

Drawn.

The time lost at Leyton owing to rain on Thursday and Friday could not be made up on Saturday, and the match was a dull day's cricket this result had to be left drawn. Essex tried to force a win, but in the absence of Bull's sunshine the pitch did not help their bowlers sufficiently, and Leicestershire, by the exercise of care, easily saved the game. There was some fine hitting in the morning, Keeg, in 85 minutes, adding 135 runs for nine wickets to their score of 97 (for two). Perrin and McGahey gave a great display of forcing cricket, scoring 91 together in less than an hour. Both drove superbly, and Perrin had the satisfaction of making 101 (not out). In this he gave two chances, but these detracted very little from a magnificent exhibition. He batted nearly two hours and a half, and hit twelve 4's, one 5, and thirteen 2's. Going in at 20 minutes past 1 Leicestershire scored 45 for one wicket before lunch, and then after the fall of Wood's wicket at 59 King and Whitehead made a draw certain by staying together 55 minutes and adding 56 runs. Both men played admirably. Half the wickets were down for 123, but the rest only added another 25 runs. At their second attempt Essex lost seven wickets for 35 before stumps were drawn, Odell bowling finely on the damaged pitch. Full score —

ESSEX.

First Innings		Second Innings	
P. L. Fane, b King	2		
J. W. H. T. Douglas, c Jayes, b Odell	35	b Odell	8
F. Perrin, not out	101		
G. Whitehead, c Whitehead, b Jayes	32	not out	0
Rev. F. H. Gillingham, c & b Odell	1		
Buckenham	0	b Odell	2
Reeves	0	c Crawford, b Odell	10
W. F. C. Fryel	0	run out	1
Young	0	b Odell	1
E. Russell	0	c Hainsworth, b Odell	9
Mead	0	Cox	0
		b Odell	2
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total (dec. closed)	242	Total (7 wkts.)	34

LEICESTERSHIRE. First Innings.

C. J. B. Wood, c Russell, b Mead	31
Knight, c Perrin, b Buckenham	19
Whitehead, c Perrin, b Young	48
King, b Buckenham	24
Cox, b Buckenham	0
W. F. C. Crawford, c Mead, b McGahey	15
W. W. Odell, c Fryell, b McGahey	2
Jayes, b Buckenham	2
Sir A. Hazlerigg, not out	2
J. Whitehead, lbw, b Buckenham	0
Astill, c & b Buckenham	2
Extras	7
Total	153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ESSEX.

	First Innings.				Second Innings.			
	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Jayes	28	10	67	1		7	1	16	0
Odell	16	3	49	1		7	1	16	7
King	16	3	54	1		3	1	3	0
Astill	16	1	55	0		6	0	6	0
Cox	3	1	6	0		1	0	1	0
Crawford	6	0	9	0		1	0	1	0
Wood	0	0	0	0		1	0	4	0

LEICESTER. First Innings.

	Ov.	Mds.	Rs.	Wks.	Nbs.
Mead	14	4	8	1	
Reeves	9	2	34	0	
Young	12	3	36	1	3
Bucks. Buckenham	18·5	1	33	5	

FIRST CLASS AVERAGES.

BATTING.

The following have the best aggregates up-to-date —

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Innings.	Average.
P. F. Warner	3	2	159	64*	159—
Newstead	3	2	109	70*	109—
Hobbs	6	0	306	161	51—
Rhodes	3	0	125	45	41 66
Denton	3	0	130	110	40—
Goatly	4	2	77	41*	38.5
Marshall	7	0	246	63	35.14
Hirst	3	0	99	44	33—
V. F. S. Crawford	5	0	158	91	31 6
Wilkinson	3	0	93	36*	31—
Holland	7	2	146	56	29 2
Hayward	6	0	147	52	24.5

*Signifies not out.

ROWLING.

	Over	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Haigh	98.2	45	139	28	4 96
Smith (W. C)	82.3	24	153	23	6 65
Hirst	77.1	31	135	18	7 5
Marshall	67 4	28	152	19	8—
Hallam	62 1	22	93	11	8.45
Wass	54	17	101	11	9.18
Tarrant	61.3	13	137	14	9 78
Rhodes (J. T)	68.5	22	126	12	10.5
Lees	125 4	46	285	18	16.38
W. Brearley	101 4	20	279	14	19 92

CLUB MATCHES.

ARMY v. NAVY.

This two days' match was played at Mount Wise, Devonport, the turf being soft each day. Batting first, the Army made 103, Lieut. Toynbee (18), Maj. Bigge (17), and Lieut. Hancock (15) being the principal scorers. To this the Navy replied with the miserable total of 17, the bowling of Lieuts. Christian and Parker being practically unplayable. In their second venture, the Army totalled 158, Lieut. Majendie (59), and Lieut. Parker (27) playing well for their contributions. Requiring 245 runs to win, the Navy made a poor start with the second attempt, Asst. Paymaster Woodward (36) being the only batsman to make resistance. Finally the whole side was dismissed for 101, the Army winning by 144 runs. Lieut. Christian altogether captured 13 wickets for 48 runs.

Swindon v. Trowbridge.—At Swindon. The home side batted first, but were all [illegible] and Whitehead (10) being the winning by 16 runs. Ford made 25 and Nicholson 14. Mitchell took five wickets for 26 and Dibsdall five for 31.

MINOR COMPETITIONS.

DARNELL'S CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Karlerson's, 80, Lovey's, 43

DAILY NEWSPAPER LEAGUE.

Standard, 99 (Church, 54), Daily Express, 58

LONDON LEATHER TRADES' LEAGUE.

Darnell's, 96 (Lay, 60), Baxters, 27

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Gotha Ironworks, 115 (G. Palmer, 49); St. Paul's, 55 (G. Palmer, seven for 19, Chalvey, 33; Iver 151

TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Rusthall, 88, Speldhurst, 18.

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE.

15th Co. Royal Artillery, 86, Army Ordnance Corps, 59

57th Co. Royal Artillery, 124 (for seven, declared); Army service Corps, 56.

H.M.S. Vernon, 194, 29th Co. Royal Artillery, 165 (for three).

DISTRICT MATCHES.

ALDERSHOT.

Royal Marine Artillery, Portsmouth, 113; scottish Rifles, 89; Primitive Methodists, 62, Badshot Lea, 52. Frimley, 62, 5th Co. Royal Engineers, 54 Badshot Lea (1st), 53; Tonghan, 52.

BASINGSTOKE.

Basingstoke, 125; Sherborne, 35 North Hants Ironworks Footballers, 71 and 82. North Hants Ironworks Cricketers, 65, Whitchurch, 66, Newbury, 81 (for three); Hackwood, 118 (for seven); Odd St. Michael's, 64 (for nine); Worring, 56. Thornycroft's Athletic, 38

BRIGHTON.

Brighton College, 176, Brighton College Masters, 58 (for nine). Brighton Clifton, 197 (for nine); St. Bartholomew's, 91.

BLACKHEATH.

Point House Inst., 31, Holy Trienity, Greenwich, 24. New Cross Defiance, 53. Deptford Central Hall Res 54 Mitcham Wanderers, 78, West Kent Wanderers, 49 Wharfonian, 44, Canonsdale, 31. Enid Ath (2nd), 54 Brandon 23

BECKENHAM.

Beckenham Ath., 48; Co-Operators, 46 Corinthians Inst., 109. Shortlands Utd., Beckenham Technical School, 80, Old Boys 19 Elmers, 55. Beckenham Wesleyans, 22 Kirkdale (2nd), 69. Bellfield, 22 and 70. Penge Y.M.C.A. 67; Hainesdale, 23. Penge Liberals, 100; Mansion House, 37. Anerley Wesleyan, 131. Endvalion, 53 Kirkdale, 81. St. Georges 41

CLAPHAM.

Emmanuel Parish 72, Old St. Mary's, 25 Brixton Prison Officials, 48. Stevenson and Howell, 39 Devas Trust (C), 27 (all 50). Knight's, 10 an d21. Holyoake, 116. St. Matthew's, Newington, 27. Brixton St. Lawrence, 64; St. Stephen's, walworth, 33.

CAMBERLEY.

Sllwood Park, 160 (for seven) (C. B. W. Magnay, 80), Royal Military, 125. Army Service Corps, 201; Royal Military College (2nd), 60 (S. M. McLaren, five for 15).

CHERTSEY.

Herring and Sons' Employees, 46, Chertsey Volunteers, 33. Staines Lino (2nd), 38; Chertsey St. Ann's, 36. Sunningdale, 45; Chertsey Church Lads, 17

DOVER.

Post Office, 85, Dover Corporation, 51 Leney's Brewery, 41; Dover Police, 35 St. Barnabs, 85 and 64; St. Bartholomew's, 74. Christ Church, 110; Dover Printers, 86. St. Martin's Masters, 34; St. Martin's Boys, 30. St. Martin's P.S.A., 70; Lydden, 61. South Ashford Juniors, 58 and 47 (for seven); St. Mary's, 51 and 30

EARLSFIELD.

St. Ivel, 93; St. Martin, 28. Summerstown, 68, Kingston Corpies, 15 Constitutional, 45; Nugget, 22. Macmillan, 76; Belmont Inst., 52. Whitehall Court, 60; St. Norman, 23. Sherwood, 62 (for six); All Saints, 25. Old Westminster Press, 143. Haymarket, 30. Bankside, 89; East Greenwich, 43 (for seven)

EASTBOURNE.

Lewes Priory, 123; Eastbourne, 71 South Lynne, 127 (for six); Wanderers, 126. Westham, 103; Trade Branch, 46; United Banks, 220 (for four) (Charlire 117); Lewes Grammar School, 84 Southbourne, 102. Meads, 43 Oakleyage, 127; Congregational, 31 East End, 76; Upperton, 20 (for three).

GORRINGE PARK.

New London Brewery, 54; Copley, 23 Suttley and Silverlock, 65; Clarendon, 57 Ackland, 56; St John's, 17. Ramsdendrd., 36; Bunward, 25. West Streatham Wesley, 45; Wandsworth Wesleyan, 42 City of London Electric Co., 42; Clarendon Press, 40. London County Bank, 66; Athalic, 20; Battersea P.T., 33. Earlsfield St. Andrew's, 16 Norwood United Templars, 112 (for six), Rossiter, 10. Field's, 72, Janus, 39.

HOMERTON.

Stainings, 19; Fleet, 16. Bridgeman's Ath., 25; St. Matthew's (2nd), 15. St. Simon's, 47; St. Bart.'s, 41. Artizans, 46 Caslon, 18. Kingsland Foresters, 47; South Hackney Wanderers, 34. St. James, 54; St. John's, 46. St. Columbus, 48, Ashdown, 6. Kenton Rangers, 19; St. Luke's, 80. Hoskins, 2. Rivington, 14 Haddon Ath., 59. Cann Hall, 20.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

Newport, 105 (for eight, decl.) (Maj. Edwards 39, not out); Bookwood, 71. 53rd Co. Royal Artillery (Freshwater), 78; Totland Bay, 67. Sandown Artillery Gunlayers, 53, Signallers, 53.

PICKHAM.

Grange, 28; Golden Stream, 15. Sovereign, 55; Camberwell United, 15. Weston Old Boys, 101; Dulwich Victorious, 28.

PORTSMOUTH.

Engineer Athletics, 41; Protector Lodge, 14. Wanderers, 100; Anerley, 40 (for four). Porchester, 48; St. Simon's, 44. St. Mary's, 60; Corinthians, 23. Monarchs, 59; Cosham, 20. Pembrokes, 71; Wesley, 24. Magnets, 36; Progressives, 28. H.M.S. Nelson, 55; H.M.S. Terpsichore, 23 and 12. Milton, 40; Royal Yacht, 28. Portsmouth Rovers, 48; Poor Law Officers, 37.

RAYNES PARK.

Ballantyne Press, 41; Vauxhall Gas Works, 18. Crosse and Blackwell's, 55; Abingdon, 33. Norwood Constitutional, 34; Batterseas Constitutional, 31. St. Gabriel's, 39; Gainsford, 37. Belmore, 67; Dulcis, 18. Wesley, 63; Studley, 10. Office and Works, 101; Albert Athletic, 31.

READING.

Wymans' Printing Works, 23; Caversham Wesleyans, 42 Reading Collegiate School 52; Hill Croft School Mortimer, 49. Elm Park Hall, Reading, 34; Y.M.C.A. Res., Reading, 25. Messrs. Butler's Works, Peppard, 52; Broad-st. United, 31. Cumberland-rd., Institute 68; Whitley Hall, 39. Theale, 67; Palmer Club, 36. King's-rd. Res., 74; East Reading Adult School, 20. Reading Wanderers, 117; Reading, 134 (for six). Battle Old Boys, 42; Elm Park, 31.

REDHILL.

Redhill, 65; Old Exonians, 55. More Place, 57; United Services, 55. South Nutfield, 85; Athenæum, 42. Meadvale, 60 (for three); Croydon Wanderers, 61. Redhill Adult School, 40; South Park, 43. Monotype, 83 (for six); Surrey Mirror, 31.

RAMSGATE.

Martin's, 104; St. Lawrence, 75 (for six). Gas and Water, 169 (for eight); Holy Trinity, 70 (for four). Pierremont College, 118; Y.M.C.A